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RICHTERS

We have received 20 Sport Dresses and they are Beauties and are priced at \$39.75. The values are up to \$50.

The discount on Taffeta, Crepe and Georgette is still continued, namely 25 per cent.

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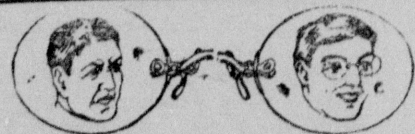
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CARRANZA KILLED IN COMBAT BY FORMER ADHERENTS, SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT TODAY

Report Comes from Near Huchinango, Where It was Reported Yesterday Fleeing President was Aiming for Barra Nautla on the Coast—Rodolfo Herrera Directed the Attack, Said Communication.

BOLL WORM PROBE TO BEGIN NEXT MONDAY

EFFORT TO HAVE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSE ADDED TO THE COMMITTEE FAILED.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, May 22.—Taking testimony in the inquiry into the pink boll worm in southeast Texas will begin Monday, the joint agricultural committee decided today. It was decided to request the governor to wire the federal horticultural board to have a representative present.
An effort was made in the house today to add the entire membership to the boll worm investigating committee, but final action was deferred. The house then adjourned to Monday.

For Vocational Training.
Austin, Texas, May 22.—Representative King of Brath county introduced a bill in the house today proposing to give vocational and vocational training in the public schools.

REACHED NO AGREEMENT.
By Associated Press.
Washington, May 22.—No agreement as to plans for adjournment or recess of congress over the political conventions was reached today at the conference of Republican senators.

COLLECT THEATER TAXES.
By Associated Press.
Washington, May 22.—Internal revenue collectors were instructed today to begin a campaign to force payment of admission taxes collected by theaters and moving picture houses. Reports to the treasury department are declared to reveal that probably 5,000 places have failed to turn in the taxes collected.

WHEAT BELOW NORMAL.
By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., May 22.—J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, estimated today that the wheat production of the nation would be 35 per cent below normal this year and that pork production in the middle west would be 25 per cent below grade.

Wet weather, shortage of labor and lack of transportation of facilities, are the chief causes for this condition, President Howard said.

Cotton is the only commodity which promises to hold its own this year, according to the review of crops made by the farm bureau chief. Every important food crop, he said, would show a falling off from last year.

It is too late now to do anything to remedy these conditions, he said. While efforts are now being made to get men out on the farms, he did not think they would be of much benefit this year, as farmers had their plans laid. Help in handling this season's crops, however, with the prospect of getting sufficient labor next year, would encourage farmers to larger production next season, he observed.

In parts of Kansas President Howard said wheat was very good, but outside of that he found nothing favorable in wheat to report.

Great losses in hogs have resulted from the cold wet weather, he added. The number of brood sows any way, he said, was less than normal.

Wheat held on Kansas farms at the present time because of inability to get transportation, President Howard estimated amounted to \$100,000,000 worth.

The farm bureau federation chief has just returned from an extended trip through the south and middle west.

By Associated Press.

BY HIS OWN MEN.
* El Paso, Texas, May 22.—
* Carranza was assassinated by
* his own men, according to a
* telegram from Alvaro Obregon
* from Mexico City received by
* revolutionary agents here.

Mexico City, May 22.—President Venustiano Carranza, who with a small party has been a fugitive in the mountains of Puebla since last week, was killed at Tlaxcalantongo early Thursday morning, according to an official announcement here. His companions, names unknown, were also killed. General Rodolfo Herrera is said to have directed the attack. He belonged to the forces commanded by General Francisco Mariel, who accompanied Carranza in his last flight from this city, but last week deserted Carranza and joined the revolutionists. It is believed that Carranza might have taken with him in his flight towards Tuxpam Herrera's forces, which finally turned against him. Tlaxcalantongo is a small village near Huachinango, in the northern Panhandle of Puebla state.

RELIEF PROMISED PORT OF GALVESLON

WHEAT CONGESTION BE RELIEVED BY ARRIVAL SOON OF STEAMERS TO CARRY WHEAT AWAY.

By Associated Press.
Galveston, Texas, May 22.—It was announced today that the wheat congestion at this port probably would be relieved by the middle of June. The wheat export corporation and the French and Italian governments assured local interests that more ships would be sent for wheat soon. There are approximately 6,000,000 bushels of wheat here, with 2,700 loaded cars on the tracks.

WILSON WOULD ACCEPT.

By Associated Press.
Paris, May 22.—Ambassador Wallace informed the council of ambassadors today that President Wilson had announced the United States would accept the role of arbitrator for fixing Armenian boundaries.

Dreadnaught Sold to Japan.
London, May 22.—It is reported that the newly launched Italian super-dreadnaught Gracioso has been sold to Japan, said a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome.

BISHOP WORKED WAY.

By Associated Press.
Des Moines, Ia., May 22.—Bishop Frank W. Warne of India had to work his way across the Atlantic ocean as a common laborer in order to get to Des Moines for the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He arrived about a week late, but is here.

Telling of his experiences, Bishop Warne said it was a case of "putting on a pair of overalls and doing a little work, or not coming to the conference at all." From Mesopotamia to Port Said he rode on an oil boat. On the way to Port Said the captain sent a wireless message asking for passage to America. The only answer came from a tramp steamer and that was conditioned on the "passenger" working his way.

"Bishop accepts job," was the answer. At Port Said Bishop Warne boarded the freighter, was given an oil can, sent to the engine room and kept busy oiling from morning until night all the way across the Atlantic.

DIVISION OF MEXICO IS SUGGESTED NOW

HENRY LANE WILSON WOULD CONSTRUCT BUFFER STATE TO THE SOUTH OF OUR COUNTRY.

By Associated Press.
Worcester, Mass., May 22.—Division of Mexico at the 22d parallel by the creation, with force, if necessary, of an independent Mexican republic including the present states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Durango, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and Lower California, was advocated by Henry Lane Wilson, former United States ambassador to Mexico, speaking at the Clark University conference on Mexico and the Caribbean today. Such a republic, Mr. Wilson declared, would act as a buffer state between the United States and Southern Mexico and would afford self-government for Northern Mexico, "the breeding ground of all the recent Mexican revolutions," which Mexico City had never been able to control.

HAS RIGHT OF WAY.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 22.—On a strict party vote the house rules committee today ordered favorable report of the resolution giving the soldiers' relief legislation the right of way for house consideration. Chairman Campbell said the rule would not be presented to the house before Tuesday.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Mo., May 22.—There is no cause for financial alarm in the nation-wide price slashing movement, according to a statement made today by Richard S. Hawes, president of the American Bankers Association.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, May 19.—Lawson Robertson, coach of the University of Pennsylvania track team, in announcing his training rules for the present season, urges his athletes to make the Olympic Games the goal of their athletic aspirations.

"Every man has the highest obtainable athletic honor before him," he says. "This is to represent the United States in the Olympics. It means no little sacrifice, but the men who are willing to forego the pleasures of social life and attend strictly to the tasks imposed by the coaches have 75 per cent of success in their grasp. The other 25 per cent is athletic ability."

"Every man must train himself and the 'Honor System' will be used. Smoking is prohibited for athletes and visiting friends. Every athlete must be in bed at 10:45 p. m., and there is to be no unnecessary noise after 10:15.

"Eat slowly and chew your food well. A small portion of food well chewed is worth double the amount bolted. Don't drink water after exercising or before meals. Two days before and on the day of competition, the rations will be cut in half. Try to go to sleep at a definite hour and lie in bed ten minutes after awakening before arising.

"Try to be cheerful. Cheerfulness is next to godliness. A sulky athlete never won a championship. Remember that training is regularity."

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, May, 4th 1920, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$2,061,689.91	Capital Stock \$200,000.00
United States Bonds 237,050.00	Surplus Fund 200,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities 2,401.47	Undivided Profits, net 51,971.96
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 12,000.00	Unearned Interest
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer 10,000.00	approximate 27,864.04
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures 50,000.00	Reserved for Taxes 9,067.33
Interest earned, not collected, approximate 5,837.40	Circulation 189,800.00
Cash and Exchange 1,450,437.89	Rediscouts 25,000.00
Total \$3,829,416.67	Other Liabilities 6,357.68
	Deposits 3,116,385.66
	Total \$3,829,416.67

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Tomorrow and Monday—Norma Talmadge in "A DAUGHTER OF TWO WORLDS."

From Friday's Daily.

POOR ECONOMY.

Recently a new tax law was passed in the state of Nuevo Leon which was perhaps the most oppressive tax law ever adopted in Mexico, and that is saying a great deal. It was based on the thought—to quote El Porvenir of Monterey—"which may be synthesized in one word—SQUEEZE. A word that is opposed to all the principles of economy—ancient and modern—for the function of public powers is that of facilitating the development of life in society, not to retard it."

Among other iniquitous provisions of the tax law was that requiring the payment of a three per cent tax on urban property, in addition to all the other taxes. Another tax was that of three cents a bottle on all beer brewed in the state, besides the excise tax and the export tax.

The sentiment of the people was so aroused that when the new government took hold the other day, one of the first appeals was for the annulment of the law and the restoration of the old law until such time as a new legislature shall assemble and pass another tax law.

The law was promptly annulled by decree of Gen. Porfirio Gonzalez, who restored the old law, and thus appeased the enraged industrialists, the landowners and the workingmen who saw themselves thrown out of work by the shutting down of factories which could not run under the vicious law.

That the new law was satisfactory to the Carranza government was shown by Carranza's refusal a few weeks ago to interfere with the Nuevo Leon authorities at the petition of thousands of the residents of the state and his statement that other states would have to adopt similar laws in the present condition of the national treasury.

The new government is setting an example of moderation, of clemency, of justice and at the same time of firmness which argues well for its future. One example of clemency will serve to show that the leaders of the new revolt against tyranny are inspired by sentiments of humanity.

Among the prisoners held under military guard were some fifteen hundred officers and soldiers who were captured during the fighting which followed the recent flight of Carranza. These soldiers were doing their duty as they saw it, and this was recognized by their captors.

So the commander of the Mexico City garrison went to the Santiago military prison and, after making a speech to the prisoners in which he said it was not the intention of the new government to hold rancor or to work its vengeance upon captives, he told the prisoners they were free to return to their homes.

Such an act has been unknown in Mexico since the days of Porfirio Diaz, and even in his day it was customary to punish the higher officers of captured forces in arms. But the new government pardoned them all, from general down to the lowest private, and advised them to go home and begin the patriotic work of helping to restore peace and prosperity to their country.

These are but a few of the instances which go far toward proving that the new government is somewhat different from any that preceded it. The leaders are doing their best to convince the people that they are inspired by a love of country, by a desire to restore peace as well as law and order, and by a feeling of friendliness toward their own mistaken countrymen, as well as toward other nations.

There will be no good and sufficient reason for our government to refuse to recognize such a government, especially as the revolution now bids fair to triumph without further bloodshed anywhere.

With the final elimination of Carranza, no matter how it may come about, the Mexican people will have an opportunity to do their own housecleaning and show the world that they are capable of self-government, and when that is demonstrated, it will be only a short time until all nations will welcome Mexico back into the concert of nations in which she was so discordant a note until now.

What Mexico wants—what the world wants—is not a loud-voiced profession of good conduct in the future, but acts of good faith at present. And the recent acts of the revolutionary leaders go forward toward proving their sincerity.

ONLY SMALL FRY.

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who sprang into fame by imposing a fine of \$29,000,000 on a great corporation some years ago, is nothing if not picturesque. Incidentally it might be said that he is generally right, which is one reason why his decisions and rulings are sometimes startling.

The other day an alleged "boot-legging" case was before the judge in Chicago, and he surprised the spectators by instructing the jury to disregard "the sloppy manner in which the district attorney had presented the case," after which he called District Attorney and Mayor Dalrymple, the enforcement officer who recently caused much mirth by his "raid" on the Iron River "law violators," before him.

Said Judge Landis: "I am wasting my time and your time by hearing such cases. There is much ado about these cases when they come to trial,

and then each turns out to be the case of some man who has been arrested for carrying a pint of booze on his hip. The newspapers tell of cases where thousands of dollars' worth of whiskey had been stolen. Why don't you bring in some of the big offenders?"

It is natural when a lot of men are hired, whether by the government or by a private concern, that they should try to do something to justify their employment. Such was the case in the old system when an "informer" was paid for telling what he knew, and when half the amount of the fine imposed went to the man who secured the evidence.

The enforcement officers seem to be unable to secure any evidence tending to convict the big men in the contraband liquor cases, but they can usually round up some simple-minded offender who has secured a flask of whiskey and who happens to be carrying it around on his person.

The prohibition law is popularly supposed to have been enacted to put an end to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Yet almost daily, as Judge Landis told, there are reports of the stealing of large quantities of whiskey stored in bond, and so far not a single case of the arrest of even a suspect, let alone the principals.

Of course a man who buys a bottle and takes a drink out of it is a hardened criminal, with no fear of the Lord or the law. But does it not occur to the average person that a man—or a gang—engaged in the business of supplying a criminal desire by illicit methods is equally wicked? Is it only the drinker who is to be punished, or are the real violators of the law to be taken into the tolls and given the full penalty?

The "vice squad" of some of our big cities used to round up some poor bedraggled woman of the streets who could not afford to pay a lawyer and who no longer had the price of "protection," and make her the vicarious sacrifice for an outraged law. But they never secured the men who were behind the traffic, and it is still popularly believed that those "higher up" were paying good money to be let alone.

Unless the present enforcement of officers want to lie under the imputation that they are shielding the big offenders, they should occasionally land one of the big rascals and let the small fry go. It may be wicked to take a drink under present conditions, but it should be remembered that it takes two to make a transaction, and also that behind the petty peddler of booze there is the man who supplies the stuff.

The Chicago enforcement officers might well take a leaf out of the book of our local officials. There is little time spent here in rounding up the petty consumer; he is given a fine for the offense of D. & D., as in the old times, and it is possible he is made to tell where he got it.

But the vendor is the one our officers are after, and not merely the one who carries a couple of small flasks, but the parties who smuggle the stuff in from the other side. And the frequency of captures at the beginning has made a marked difference in the traffic, so that there are fewer offenders and less contraband now.

Not that our officials are relaxing their vigilance. They remember the old motto: Eternal vigilance is the price of safety, and the keep ever at it. But their methods are different from the Chicago mode, and get vastly more beneficial results.

ONION SHIPPING SEASON IS FAST DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Less Than 1,300 Cars Shipped So Far and Between 50 and 75 Carloads Yet to Move Out of Here.

With less than 1,300 carloads of Bermuda onions already shipped out of here, and the expectation that the total shipments will not exceed 1,350 carloads for the season, the shipping season is now fast drawing to an end and the last days of May will witness the sending out of the last carloads.

The shipping of onions the past season has been hindered after overcoming many obstacles due to strikes, shortage in the crate supply, dearth of cars, etc., but despite all these troubles the onion growers are said to have netted good returns from their crops.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING

Royal Opera House Will Have Capacity Crowd to Witness Graduation Exercises of Class of 1920.

The commencement exercises of the graduating class of 1920 of the Laredo High School will take place at the Royal Opera House this evening beginning at 8:15 o'clock, when six young men and seven young ladies will receive their diplomas of graduation, making the completion of their studies in the public institutions of learning of Laredo and their preparation for higher studies.

The graduating class will tonight present the little three-act playlet entitled "Country Boys in College," in which the thirteen graduates will be members of the cast, and will be followed by several other numbers on the program, including the address to graduates by Asher R. Smith, the presentation of diplomas and the presentation of scholarships.

FOR BETTER MEN IN OFFICE.

There are too many laws, a great many too many laws on our statute books, but if I had my way I would pass more. I would draft every man who at 50 years of age had a sufficient amount of this world's goods to care for himself and family throughout the balance of their natural lives, into the service of the state and nation when and as might be required of him. Boys fresh from school, petty lawyers and professional politicians can not be expected to yield good government from their legislative deliberations. The legislature is the most important branch of government, excepting none. It makes the laws by which you daily live; it deals with your property and property rights, fixes your taxes, directs and controls your educational system and the education of your children. It rules most intimately your existence and circumscribes your actions, yet the legislative position, particularly in the large cities, is considered a 2nd political office, hardly on a parity with the town dog catcher. Pick out your best citizen—he does not need to be an orator, nor is it necessary for him to be an oracle in parliamentary law and rules. If he is a man of common, hard every day sense, stands well and has the respect of the community in which he lives, and is a moderate success in his own affairs, depend upon it he will be very nearly right on questions of legislation. Don't put him in the position of seeking a favor at the hands of the voters, but of doing a favor to the people of his district. Go out and elect him and send him to Austin. If every town in Texas will pursue that course, I guarantee that within five years' time the discontent, restlessness and unhappiness existing, due to ill-timed and cumbersome legislation, burdensome taxes, poor rural schools, lack of teachers, wastefulness in disbursement of public funds, and ills of the kind growing out of legislative procedure, will have disappeared.

The above is from the opening speech of Hon. Lynch Davidson of Houston, candidate for lieutenant governor.

In this utterance, Mr. Davidson tells the people of Texas how to secure better laws and how to curb dissatisfaction, discontent and unrest. Elect men to office who can afford to be drafted for unselfish service—not men who practice office holding as a side line or who are in office for selfish business purposes.

Make the office more honorable by putting honorable men in office. Select good citizens for positions and get behind them with enthusiasm and earnestness; don't leave politics to politicians and then complain when things go wrong.

Mr. Davidson himself is a striking example of a level-headed business man who accepted the nomination for a legislative position when called upon by the citizens of this county.

He has studied well the needs of the state and in his address at Groesbeck he makes many timely recommendations. He believes in fewer and better laws; he advocates improvements in our educational system; urges better pay for teachers; is for economy of administration; for fewer burdens and commissions, and strongly favors both woman suffrage and national prohibition.

Lynch Davidson is for the best interests of all Texas and will make Texas a splendid lieutenant governor.—Houston Chronicle.

GETTING WIRES READY.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, May 21.—Telegraph companies operating from San Francisco are preparing to handle virtually an unlimited amount of press reports on the Democratic national convention to be held here beginning June 28.

One company alone, the Western Union Telegraph Company, has announced that it is completing at a cost of \$500,000 improvements in its plant that will take care of 1,000,000 words daily in addition to its regular business. The Postal Telegraph Cable Company is also increasing its facilities and news agencies and associations are getting ready to move quickly an augmented "load" they will carry over wires leased from telephone companies.

Under the multiplex automatic system that permits four messages to be carried each way, eight altogether, on one wire, the Western Union is preparing to take care of 250,000 words of press matter for evening papers and 750,000 for morning papers, each day. R. B. Calkins of the general manager's office here announced. No additional wires are being put in, only "channels" for extra sets of automatic instruments being added. The multiplex system is almost twice as fast as the Morse, in which the message is ticked off by hand, and the company now handles 65 per cent of its business by the new methods.

The company will have installed here at the time of the convention 13 miles of pneumatic tubes to carry messages directly into its main operating room where an intricate system of belt conveyors makes it possible to get each message sent within one minute.

With its new improvements, the plant here, the Western Union announced, will be the most modern in the world and the third largest in the United States.

AGUSTIN CANO IS ON TRIAL FOR ROBBING OF LABORERS

FIRST WITNESS, A WOMAN, TELLS STORY TO THE JURY.

Told How Member of Party of Twenty She Was in Was Met by Cano and Gang and Robbed April 25.

The trial of the first of five cases against Agustin Cano, former captain in the Carranza army, who was arrested by rangers near the banks of the Rio Grande nine miles below Laredo on the night of May 6 charged with holding up and robbing Mexican laborers after they had crossed from the Mexican to the American side of the Rio Grande, was begun in district court yesterday afternoon, a jury being secured from a special venire. The case on trial now is one charging Cano with robbery by firearms.

The first witness put on the stand yesterday afternoon was Maria Dolores de Mejia, who, with her infant child, was one of twenty Mexican laborers who crossed the Rio Grande nine miles below Laredo at about 7 o'clock on the evening of April 25 and was held up and robbed by Cano and five members of his gang. This woman, in a cool and unexcited manner, told her story to the jury. She said that she and the members of the party with her arrived in Nuevo Laredo on the morning of April 25 and that afternoon were taken to a place some distance from there by a party of men who agreed to cross them to the American side of the Rio Grande for a small sum each (and save them the necessity of paying the eight dollars head tax). When they reached the scene on the Rio Grande they were crossed in three groups in a skiff. As soon as they reached the American side they were rounded up by Cano and his gang, all of whom had firearms, and were compelled to give up all money and valuables. Every member of the immigrant party was compelled to take off his or her shoes so that the bandits could search them for money and other valuables that might be hidden therein.

The robbery of the immigrants took place in a small arroyo near the banks of the Rio Grande and after all possessions were taken away from the party of laborers, composed of both men and women, the bandits marched them up the side of a hill and ordered them to proceed on their way, and the laborers did so, some of them finding roadways and others finding their way to nearby farms or ranches the following day. At the time that Cano and his gang of bandits were holding up the party of laborers the bandits had their firearms in their hands, and the laborers were so frightened that they readily obeyed every command of Cano, who was the leader of the gang.

Other witnesses corroborated the statements of Mrs. Mejia as to what took place on the evening of April 25. Quite a number of witnesses are to be called by the state to relate testimony against Cano, while the defense has no witnesses whatever. The jury sitting in the case is composed of Ross Campbell, Pat Clover, Hugh Chick, R. P. Woodard, Felix Dodier, Enrique Vela, J. L. Beckman, R. P. Dement, E. J. Black, Eugene Ramon, Luis Benavides and Eduardo de Lachica. There are five cases against Cano, three for robbery with firearms and two for assault to murder.

It is believed that Cano and his gang had been operating on both the Mexican and American sides of the Rio Grande some miles distant from the two Laredos for several months past, as officers here had frequently heard complaints of holdups of Mexican laborers while they were being smuggled into this country, and finally Sergeant Franklin of the state rangers here and Deputy Sheriff "Bud" DeSpain were assigned to the work of capturing the bandits and the result was they captured the leader of the gang, Agustin Cano, who is now on trial here for robbery with firearms, which carries the extreme penalty of the law in the state of Texas.

This morning numerous other witnesses, including Deputy Sheriff DeSpain, Immigration Inspector in Charge J. E. Trout, State Ranger Keene and other witnesses were called on to testify. The state is producing strong proof against Cano and his gang and the taking of testimony is not expected to conclude for a day or two.

At a special session of the commissioners' court of Webb county held yesterday afternoon the matter of appointing a successor to fill the vacancy of justice of the peace of place No. 1 in precinct No. 1 of this county caused by the death of Juan V. Benavides, was taken up.

The application of Edwin A. Atlee was favorably acted upon and he was selected to fill the vacancy and will qualify for the position immediately upon his return from Austin where, as representative from this district, he is attending the special session of the Texas legislature.

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The local office of the United States Bureau of Markets, in charge of Mr. Williams and his assistant, will be closed tomorrow, the last crop bulletin being issued tomorrow, and on tomorrow night the representatives of the Bureau of Markets will leave for Eagle Lake, where they go to assist the farmers of that section in marketing the big potato crop now ready.

The Bureau of Markets established its branch office here early in April and has given invaluable assistance to the onion growers of the Laredo section in handling shipping and marketing the onion crop the past season.

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LOCAL NEWS

—Twelve carloads of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night, making the grand total of shipments to date 1,235 carloads. A total of 116 carloads of onions was shipped out of Texas yesterday.

—MOTORLIFE, gasoline saver, carbon remover, save 25% to 50% gasoline, removes carbon and prevents accumulation of carbon. See local endorsements at office of R. C. Bryant, distributor, 711 Salinas avenue. 5-20-6t.

—The probate court is still in session in this city, but otherwise than the filling of some applications in probate matters yesterday afternoon, no other business was transacted.

—Shasta daisies and sweet peas for sale. Phone 807. 5-19-4t.

—CLASSES IN ENGLISH.—717 Lincoln street. J. E. Fowler. 5-17-4t.

—J. Warren Kerrigan in "The Dream Chaser" is the feature play at the Royal tomorrow night and Norma Talmadge in "A Daughter of Two Worlds" on Sunday and Monday. Tonight the commencement exercises will hold the boards at Laredo's favorite playhouse.

—A full line of Samson Plows. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-4t.

—International Realty Co. of Laredo, 611 Flores avenue. We will buy, sell or exchange real estate or personal property, or act as trustee or agent for you. J. E. Cotter, Manager. 5-12-4t.

—Capacity house greeted Doris Kenyon in "The Harvest Moon" at the Royal Theater last night. Manager Valdez is bringing feature plays to his playhouse that no other theater in the city can get, and his patrons patronize these high-class plays in a most liberal manner.

—We have a complete line of Farm Tractors and Plows on hand. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-4t.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-4t.

—The Belmont, Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-4t.

—Prospects were good for rain yesterday, and again today. But up to noon today none of the precious moisture had put in an appearance. With a big cotton crop being planted in the Laredo section (10,000 to 12,000 acres) rains at intervals this summer will prove of inestimable value to the fleecy staple.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-4t.

—Just ask your friend who has a Samson. Then call us. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-4t.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-4t.

—Vacation time has come and the public schools are closed. Some of the teachers will go away to spend the summer and others will stay at home, as Laredo is no warmer in summertime than most of the so-called resorts.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-4t.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-2-4t.

WILL CLOSE OFFICES HERE AND LEAVE FOR EAGLE LAKE

Mr. William and Assistant of Bureau of Markets Goes to Eagle Lake to Help Handle Potato Crop.

The local office of the United States Bureau of Markets, in charge of Mr. Williams and his assistant, will be closed tomorrow, the last crop bulletin being issued tomorrow, and on tomorrow night the representatives of the Bureau of Markets will leave for Eagle Lake, where they go to assist the farmers of that section in marketing the big potato crop now ready.

The Bureau of Markets established its branch office here early in April and has given invaluable assistance to the onion growers of the Laredo section in handling shipping and marketing the onion crop the past season.

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AMERICA'S CUP RACES.

By Associated Press.

New York, May 21.—The first official activity in connection with the America's Cup races off Sandy Hook, July 15, will begin today on Long Island when the prospective cup defender, the yacht Resolute and Vanitie, will meet in the opening race of the 1920 elimination series. Weather permitting six races will be held off New Haven, Conn., between May 21 and 27 who is the professional skipper of Resolute. After which the yacht will proceed to Newport for a more extended series of races under open sea conditions. The schedule calls for races off New Haven on May 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, and 27. The Newport races are set for June 3 to 19.

The contests off New Haven are to be short practice events, probably twice around a short course and will not count materially in the selection of a defender. Their chief purpose will be to afford the crews practice and to stretch sails and rigging.

The real trial races will be the ones off Newport. There will probably be twelve or fourteen of the 2 inches extreme breadth and about 12 feet draft. Although the same will announce the defender. These races will be "for blood." The friendlier smaller than Vanitie and so during the trial races of 1914, received considerable time.

Resolute was built by a syndicate of members of the New York Yacht Club. The syndicate was headed by Henry Walters, erstwhile commodore of the club; with Arthur Curtiss

James, Frederick G. Bourne, Cornelius Vanderbilt, George F. Baker, Jr., and J. P. Morgan as the other members. All have flown the senior flag of the club. With the exception of Frederick G. Bourne, the members of the syndicate are all alive and deeply interested in the defense of the trophy.

The cup situation, in so far as the New York Yacht Club is concerned, is most unusual this year. The syndicate that built Resolute is practically the "cup committee," of the organization, which also is in control of Vanitie. Again, Rear Commodore Nichols in 1914, was a member of the afterguard on Resolute and probably would be there today, had not Vanitie been turned to the club.

The "interlocked directorate" explains why the new sails for Vanitie came from the Herreshoffs' loft and why Rear Commodore Nichols and Captain Robert W. Emmons, 2nd of Boston, managing director of Resolute, have been in continual communication throughout the winter. Each has helped the other place his respective craft in commission. The reason is self evident. The New York Yacht Club is playing no favorites in its defense of the trophy. The "yaching brains" of the club are not trying to make Resolute beat Vanitie or Vanitie beat Resolute. They are out to make either Vanitie or Resolute beat Shamrock IV and with that in mind, they have been working to get as much as possible out of each yacht.

With changes being made in Vanitie to lighten the craft, it was natural that Designer Herreshoff should make a few in the Bristol craft. These principally have been centered in the racing rig. Changes have been made in the topmast of the craft, on the basis of reducing weight above deck, so as to bring the yacht to a new line of flotation, in the hopes that a shorter waterline will draw more time from opponents. It is said that about 900 pounds have been removed from the topmast of the craft. The new Resolute mast, with its aluminum gaff, is considered unmatched in strength and lightness. The changes have made Resolute ride a little higher out of the water than in 1914. In her trials to date, she seems to have gained by the alterations in running before the wind.

In addition to Captain Emmons, there will be on board the Bristol yacht, Charles Francis Adams, 2nd, of Boston, who will hold the wheel, George A. Cormack, secretary of the New York Yacht Club, and John Parkinson. All served as members of the afterguard in 1914. No one has as yet been selected to take the place of Rear Commodore Nichols. Captain Christiansen also served on the craft in 1914.

The changes in Vanitie were made at Robert Jacob's yard. It is said that Sterling Burgess, a Boston yachtsman, a member of the afterguard of the Gardner boat, principally is responsible for the changes. One is a new hollow topmast. The yacht also has new hollow spruce spreaders, about thirty-five feet from tip to tip. These changes have been made to lighten the craft.

Regardless of the fact that it had been frequently reported that Vanitie's stem was to be shortened materially and that her rail, which is really the continuation of her sides above the deck, was to be removed, these changes have not been made. The rail has been cut away, from about two-thirds way aft so as to enable the decks to clear themselves of seas, that may come on board, more rapidly than if the waters had to get away through the small scuppers. The angle, at which the centerboard of Vanitie extends, has been altered so as to throw the weight forward. This is hoped to increase her windward qualities.

Vanitie will be raced by Rear Commodore George Nichols. In addition to the flag officer and Mr. Burgess, there will be on the quarterdeck the majority of the races, C. J. Nourse and C. Sherman Hoyt. Both are well known New York yachtsmen, the former being prominent in the weekly racing of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club of Oyster Bay and the latter interested in yachting for years.

G. A. Gautesen is the professional skipper of Vanitie. In former races for the America's cup, the professional skipper has been the all important personage on board a cup yacht. That is not so today. Both Shamrock IV and the American defender will be sailed by an amateur. Still the professional skipper plays an important part on a cup boat and although he is not as well known as

som of the other paid racing men, Captain Gautesen is an excellent sailor, who has had many years of experience on board racing yachts.

This is not the first time that Captain Gautesen has shipped on Vanitie. Back in 1915, when Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt had the yacht under charter, he was her first mate. At that time, Vanitie was commanded by Captain Chris. Christiansen, Commodore Vanderbilt's sailing master, who is the professional skipper of Resolute. Later, Captain Gautesen was engaged by Rear Commodore Nichols as the sailing master of the latter's 50 footer Carolina. He did such excellent work on Carolina that it was only natural that he should be Rear Commodore Nichols' selection for the cup boat.

Like Vanitie, the other candidate for the honor of defending the America's Cup was built in 1914. She of a defender. Their chief purpose will be to afford the crews practice and to stretch sails and rigging.

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NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Webb, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Santiago Gonzales, a boy about the age of six years and Edmundo Gonzales, a boy about the age of four years, minors. The Merchants State Bank & Trust Co., has filed in the County Court of Webb County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the estate of said minors, Santiago Gonzales and Edmundo Gonzales, and on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1920, by order of the county judge of said Webb County, the said Merchants State Bank & Trust Co., was appointed temporary guardian of the estate of said minors, and at the next regular Term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in July, A. D. 1920, the same being the 19th day of July, A. D. 1920, at the Courtroom thereof, in the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the estate of said minors, may, and are cited to appear and contest said appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at said time, said appointment shall be made and become permanent.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Laredo, Texas, this 19th day of May, A. D. 1920.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
Clerk of County Court, Webb County, Texas.

Came to hand this 19th day of May, A. D. 1920, at 4 p. m. and Probate Notice ordered published in The Laredo Daily Times.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By F. H. LIGARDE, Deputy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

MAY 20.

Rev. Antoinette L. B. Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained to the ministry in the United States, born at Henrietta, N. Y., 35 years ago today.

Thornwell Haynes, the first United States Minister to Finland, born at Grindell Shoals, S. C., 52 years ago today.

Marion Butler, former United States senator from North Carolina, born in Sampson County, N. C., 57 years ago today.

Emile Berliner, a noted American inventor in the field of electricity, born in Germany, 63 years ago today.

Frederick L. Beique, member of the Canadian Senate, born at St. Mathias, Que., 75 years ago today.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

MAY 20.

Ninety-five years old today is Rev. Antoinette L. B. Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained to the ministry in the United States, and a pioneer in many phases of human uplift. Dr. Blackwell was born on a farm not far from Rochester, N. Y., and at the age of 22 graduated from Oberlin College, then the only prominent institution in the United States offering the advantages of higher education to women. Three years later she completed a course in the Oberlin Theological Seminary and in 1853 was ordained to the ministry. In 1856 she married Dr. Samuel Blackwell, of a family which has been a forceful one in the contest for woman's rights in America, its members including Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to take a medical degree, Lucy Stone Blackwell, the famous suffrage leader, and her daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell, who has followed the work of her mother.

BOYS SAVED LIVES.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Tex., May 19.—By their quick action, Frank Patty Jr., 12 years of age, and Fred Sublett, 14 years, saved Mrs. Frank Patty and Miss Viola Burleson from drowning in the Blanco river, near here, when the latter two stepped into a hole while wading in the stream.

Mrs. Patty waded from the shallows into a deep hole and sank. Miss Burleson reached for the sinking woman, lost her balance, and also fell into deep water. When Mrs. Patty came to the surface she called for help.

The two boys, Frank and Fred, who were near by, ran to the scene, dashed into the water, and were bringing the women to the bank before other persons reached the river banks.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Mrs. Keller of Fort McIntosh will entertain at Auction Bridge at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. S. J. Sorrell at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The four Circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet as follows: Circle A with Mrs. Phillips at the post at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; Circle B with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; Circle C will meet with Mrs. J. M. Sallee at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dance at the Woman's Club in the evening.

Friday.

Commencement exercises at 8:15 o'clock in the evening at the Royal Opera House.

General Mention.

Mrs. Ballinger of Corpus Christi is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Mussett.

Mr. Joe Mudd arrived in the city yesterday from California, where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Moore. He is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Younkin.

Nellie and Jamie Ward expect to leave Saturday for San Antonio to visit relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. Younkin will be sorry to learn that she is at Mercy Hospital for an operation.

Mrs. G. J. Giles, who has been in San Antonio for the past month, will spend the week-end at James Park with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Essing have moved their residence to the Heights.

Miss Mary Louise Cone of San Antonio is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cone.

Mrs. G. L. Laro and little daughter of Pleasanton are in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. B. DaCamara.

Parish Guild.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church met at the home of Mrs. John W. Mussett yesterday afternoon. Work was given out to be done in the summer, after which the hostess served a delicious ice course and cake. Those present were: Mesdames Anderson, Arkles, Adams, Arthur, Rev. and Mrs. Cook, Lusk, Lines, Kehl, Mason, MacGregor, Matson, Mussett, Puster, Mrs. Ballinger and the hostess.

Honored Mrs. Greer.

One of the pretty affairs of yesterday afternoon was the bridge party with which Mrs. Hermann Buehner honored Mrs. Hal Greer and the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club. The attractive rooms were elaborately decorated in low bowls of Shasta daisies and silver baskets of Etoile de France roses. Mrs. John Martin won the club prize and Mrs. D. McNeil Turner the guest prize. Mrs. Fish cut consolation. Mrs. Greer was presented with a set of salad forks. A two-course luncheon followed the game. Those present were: Mesdames Greer, Bobbitt, Hamilton, Hiatt, Leyendecker, Joe Martin, John Martin, Shiner, Penn, Turner, Fish, Higgins, Kate Hamilton, Marcus Wormser, Alphonse Wormser, Joseph, Yesner, Harry Sames, Lafon, Black and Miss Amar Penn. Mrs. Buehner was assisted in entertaining her guests by her sister, Miss Betty Beene.

Miss Ligarde's Recital.

The following item from the Austin Statesman regarding the recital by Miss Antoinette Ligarde, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Honore Ligarde of this city, will be of interest to the many friends of this popular young lady in this city:

On Friday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock in the academy auditorium, Miss Antoinette Ligarde, a graduate of the conservatory of music, will give a piano recital. Miss Ligarde has been a student at the academy for a number of years, has appeared in a great many of the musical and literary programs given at the school, and is well known in music circles both in Austin and her hometown, Laredo, Texas. Her recital promises to be an enjoyable hour of song and music for the friends and patrons who are cordially invited. Following is her program:

"Papillon" (Grieg). Second piano, Miss Fannie Costley.
"Fantasie-Improvisation" (Chopin); "Valse," (Chopin).
"Etude Japonaise" (Poldini).
Song, "Messaggero Amoroso," (Chopin Waltz) (Arr. by A. Buzzifecia). Miss Antoinette Ligarde; Miss Cecil Nethery, accompanist.
"Nocturne," (Alexander MacFadyen); "Tarantella Caprice," (Henry Dellafield); "Polonaise Americaine" (John Alden Carpenter); "Lullalo" (An Irish Lullaby.) (W. Caven Barron).
"Rhapsodie Hongroise" No. 12 (Liszt).

Honoring the Seniors.

The Juniors entertained with a banquet at the Metropolitan last evening in honor of the graduating class. The decorations were beautifully expressed in the class colors and flowers of both classes, sweet peas and Shasta daisies being used. The place cards were especially unique, being the Senior Class Willa. Jake Bunn was toast master for the evening and the following members of the classes and faculty responded:

Fred Buehner
.....A toast to the Class of '20
Earnest Heaner
.....A toast to the Class of '21
Mr. L. J. Christen
.....An Address
Miss Katherine Tarver
.....An Address
Valentin Puig
.....A toast to the Faculty.
Jack King
.....A toast on Athletics
Miss Julia McVicar
.....A toast on Graduating Day
Miss Cynthia Press
.....A toast to the Future
Miss Jesusa Gonzalez
.....Address in Spanish
Mrs. Wilmer Threadgill
.....A toast to the High School.
Mrs. Threadgill's address was most beautiful and inspiring and was in the nature of a farewell to the High School, as she will not teach next year. Earnest Heaner read the Senior Will, which was provocative of much merriment. John Maher, president of the Senior Class, made the presentation of the Key of Knowledge to Miss Rosalie Biggio, the president of the Junior Class. His presentation speech was ably made and well responded to by Miss Biggio. At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn led in the Senior songs. The class yells were also given in a most rousing fashion. A delicious banquet was then served, covers being laid for the members of the Senior Class, the Junior Class, the faculty and Mr. Christen.

Honoring Classes.

Miss Josephine Smith entertained the members of her science and algebra classes in a most delightful fashion last evening. The class colors were artistically used in the floral decorations and were expressed in purple larkspur and golden sunflowers. Tables were placed on the spacious veranda and a series of games of Bunco were enjoyed, the prizes were awarded as follows: Miss Kathleen Heaner, girls' high score, a dainty powder puff; Joe Puig, boys' high score, a handkerchief; the booby prize went to Norman Sorrell, who was presented with a rattle. After the games a delicious ice course and cake was served to Misses Kathleen Heaner, Minerva G'Sell, Anna May Mussett, Dora Becker, Evelyn Ryan, Paula Castillo, Helen Lindsay, Emilie Baisell, Emma Salazar, Lorene Pulin, Agnes French, Jack Haisell, Edwin Wright, Norman Sorrell, Lawrence DaCamara, Lawrence Maher, Joe Condon, Joe Puig, Tom Shirey, Lois Cardenas, Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara and the hostess.



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over her studies, if she is far from the top of her class, the chances are her eyes need assistance.

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LEE CHRISTMAS RETIRES.

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, May 20.—"General" Lee Christmas, for 26 years a prominent figure in Latin American revolutions and from whose adventures O. Henry wrote many tales, has decided to retire.

"El General," as he is best known in Central America, was in Guatemala throughout the recent revolution there and gave valuable services to Americans who were in peril. So at 57 years of age, Christmas, a native of Memphis, has taken up his abode in New Orleans and says he is through with the adventures which come to those who rove through Latin America.

"We Picked Up Seven Large Dead Rats First Morning Using Rat-Snap."

So writes Mr. B. F. Carpenter, Woodbridge, N. J. "We lost 18 small chicks one night, killed by rats. Bought some RAT-SNAP and picked up 7 large dead rats next morning and in 2 weeks didn't see a single rat. RAT-SNAP is good and sure." Comes in cake ready for use. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by A. Deutz & Brother, City Drug Co. and Sanitary Grocery.

CENSURING THE MOVIES.

By Associated Press.
Vienna, May 20.—The Vienna public has been stirred to indignation by the nature of some of the moving pictures shown here and has undertaken its own censorship, since the official censorship is political only. In one instance a crowd tore down the posters and caused the destruction of a reel, while in several cases they demanded the suppression of the picture on threat of smashing the theater.

EASY TO GET HUSBAND.

By Associated Press.
Sydney, May 20.—The scarcity of houses is increasing in all Australian states and the girls of Melbourne are deploring the shortage, saying that it is easier to get a husband than a house.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The vestibuled train was unknown thirty-five years ago. Cotton was grown and manufactured in Spain in the tenth century. The tanning of ostrich skins is a growing industry in South Africa. The first paper mill in America was erected near Philadelphia in '69.

SPECIAL SESSION OPENED TODAY AND HAD MESSAGES FROM GOVERNOR READ TO THEM

Fourteen New Members Must be Sworn in Before House will have Quorum—Messages Referred to the Pink Boll Worm Situation and the Crisis Mr. Hobby Said Was Facing Schools of the State.

TEXAS COAL MINERS WANT AN AGREEMENT

ADOPTING KANSAS CITY AGREEMENT AS BASIS EXPECT TO COME TO TERMS VERY SOON.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Texas, May 20.—With the agreement on the price miners are to pay operators for explosives reached at Kansas City recently as a basis Texas miners and operators are meeting here today with expectation of perfecting a working agreement. The conference was deadlocked for three weeks, but both sides said the Kansas City agreement was accepted.

MEXICAN CONGRESS HAS LEGAL QUORUM

READY TO MAKE CHOICE OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT AND SUPREME COURT ALSO READY.

By Associated Press.
Chihuahua, May 20.—The Mexican congress has a quorum necessary to name a provisional president. Members of the supreme court who fled with Carranza have returned. Twenty million pesos in gold were found on the treasure train captured by the rebels, according to a message sent by Juan Risco, secretary of the Mexican Labor party from Mexico City to day.

Carranza on Gunboat.

El Paso, Texas, May 20.—The El Paso Times today quotes a refugee Carranza official as saying that Carranza with his son-in-law, Gen. Candido Aguilar, found refuge on the Mexican gunboat Progreso.

EXIT FIRE ENGINES.

By Associated Press.
Boston, May 20.—The fire engine is to disappear from the streets of downtown Boston. The lively spectacle of galloping horses with an engine in tow went out with the advent of the motor-drawn engine, and now motor and steam engines are to be forced from the city proper entirely. A high-pressure water system, in which only hose trucks will be used is assured of early operation by the signing of contracts for three pumping stations.

A gridiron of pipe-lines has been constructed under the streets, the high-pressure pipage now laid aggregating 9.2 miles, with 262 hydrants. Eventually, under present plans, the system will be extended to include more than 18 miles of pipe.

Through this pipe 12,000 gallons of water a minute will be forced at 300 pounds pressure, or approximately 18,000 gallons at the more practical pressure of 200 pounds, from four pumping stations which will be operated this year. Three additional pumping units are planned, which will increase the volume of water to 36,000 gallons at 200 pounds pressure. Water will be drawn from three sources—salt water from the harbor, the domestic low pressure system, and from high pressure feeds.

Operation of the new system, it is expected, will result in a considerable reduction in fire insurance rates in the districts covered. A markdown of 15 per cent has been suggested as possible. The system, the construction of which was begun 8 years ago will have cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 when completed.

DESIRE FOR UNITY.

By Associated Press.
London, May 20.—"The desire for unity in the Empire is not weaker, but infinitely stronger after the common efforts and sacrifices of the last terrible years," declared Lord Milner, who has returned from a governmental mission to Egypt.

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By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, May 20.—With a quorum in both branches, the special session of the legislature convened today, R. E. Thomason, speaker of the house, and Lieut. Governor W. A. Johnson presiding. New members were sworn in.

In the first message to the legislature Governor Hobby submitted only the subject of the pink boll worm. The message reviewed its history and said the federal horticultural board said non-cotton zones surrounded by a 25-mile regulated zone of the infested districts and a ten-mile zone around oil mills receiving seed from the infested districts for the last three years were necessary to prevent federal quarantine, and urged compensation for damage inflicted.

The second message submitted the subject of emergency school legislation, declaring "there is a crisis in the school affairs of Texas." He did not recommend and amount. The educational committee had asked for more than \$6,000,000. It will be necessary to seat 14 new members to get a house quorum.

DEMAND RECIPROCITY.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—Hungarian communists held by Austrians must not be transferred to Russia without reciprocal release of all Americans detained in Soviet Russia, the state department today informed the American commissioner in Vienna.

FOREIGN TRADE DECREASED.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—April exports decreased \$135,000,000 and imports decreased \$20,000,000, compared with trade figures in March, it was announced today by the department of commerce.

OLD TIME DOCTRINE GOOD ENOUGH FORME

SAID VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL

IN KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO INDIANA DEMOCRATS TODAY.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., May 20.—"I hold that the Democratic doctrine of equal and exact justice to all men and special privileges to none will meet all the angry, irreconcilable views of today," said Vice President Marshall in his keynote address today at the state Democratic convention. He urged jail for profiteers and increased production to relieve the high living cost. He expressed the hope that the president and the senate would agree on the peace treaty. He said he was opposed to any letup in the enforcement of national prohibition.

PRAISES BOLSHIEVIKI.

By Associated Press.
Manila, May 20.—Bolshevism is a word that is sadly misconstrued in the United States, says Major General William S. Graves, commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Force, which recently evacuated Siberia.

"At the mention of a Bolsheviki the people instantly conjure a mental picture of a frowzy anarchist with a bomb in one hand and a torch in the other," he said. "But the Bolsheviki in Russia are working for peace and the good of the country. In my belief they are trying to be eminently fair and just to the people. They have deplored the murder and bloodshed which took place before they first came into power in Siberia—January 31 of this year—and are doing everything possible to stamp this out."

French Chamber of Deputies passed the bill giving full suffrage to women. President Wilson asked Congress to repeal war-time prohibition in its application to wines and beer.

PROBE BOTH PARTIES CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

MUST SHOW SOURCE OF MONEY HOW IT WAS SPENT AND ALL INFLUENCE USED.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—Investigation of the presidential campaigns of both parties, including their contributions, expenditures and use of influence, was ordered today by the senate in adopting the resolution by Senator Borah without a record vote. The privilege and election sub-committee will investigate.

BANK PRESSURE PUT ON IMPORTING FIRMS

DEALERS IN LUXURIES AND NON-ESSENTIALS CAN GET ONLY MONEY FOR BUSINESS.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 20.—New York banks today applied pressure to importers dealing in luxuries and non-essentials in compliance with the request of the federal reserve board that they aid in credit deflation. Customers handling jewelry, pleasure automobiles, furs, art objects and luxurious clothes were notified that for the time being they would be accorded only the credit necessary to conduct business.

DALLAS HAS GROWN.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—The census of Dallas is 158,976, an increase of 79 2-16 per cent. Texarkana's population is 19,737, an increase of 27 per cent.

TAX ON DIVIDENDS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 20.—A 10 per cent tax on stock dividends retroactive to March 15 was approved by the house ways and means committee as part of the taxation scheme to raise the soldier bonus.

RANGER BANK CLOSED.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Texas, May 20.—The Bank of Ranger, capital \$25,000, failed to open today. Declining deposits and failure to realize loans was given as the cause. A statement that affairs will be satisfactorily liquidated and no one will lose anything was issued by the officials.

NO LABOR TROUBLES.

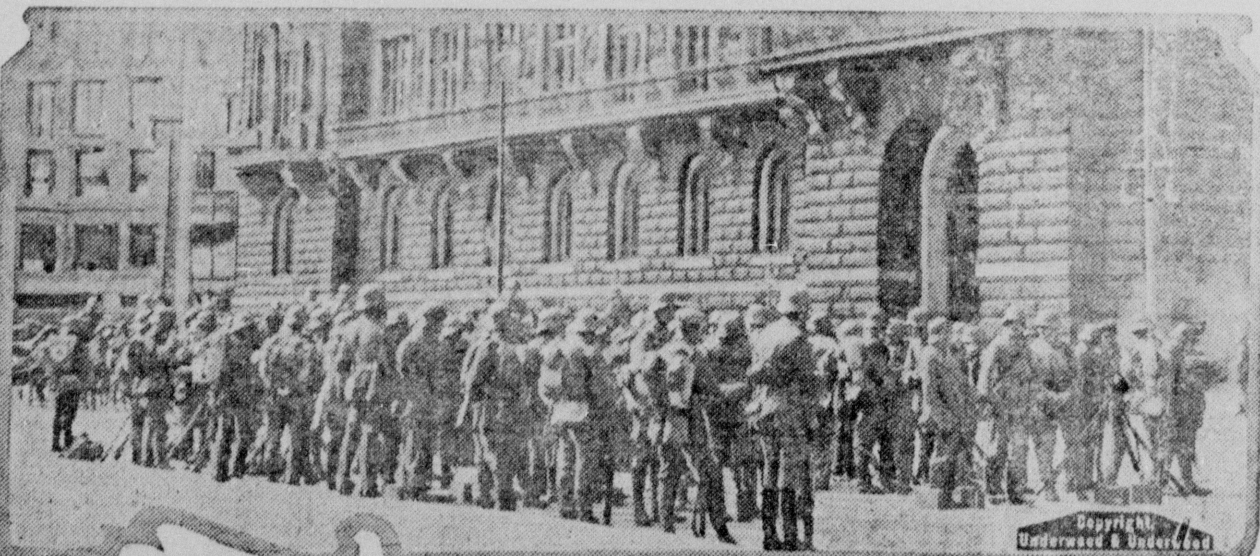
By Associated Press.
London, May 19.—Finland has no labor difficulties, declared its Foreign Minister, Dr. R. Holste who is on a visit here, in explaining the steadiness and promise of his country's economic and industrial recovery. All the factories are working well, and they were able to export all sorts of timber products, wood-pulp, paper, textile goods, and so on. They had as a matter of fact, huge stocks of paper, but the difficulty was to obtain ships to export it.

"We are anxious," said Dr. Holste, "to have friendly relations with Russia. We are a little nation of three and a half millions of people and we are becoming more and more an industrial country; we cannot compete with Russia in growing grain, and friendly relations with her will mean cheap food."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

City Hall of Hamburg Guarded by Troops



Government troops guarding the city hall in Hamburg during the latest attempt to overthrow the present regime in Germany.

From Wednesday's Daily.

IMMIGRATION LAWS.

That the labor question is getting to be of paramount interest throughout the country cannot be denied, and especially the farm labor question. Hence it is not surprising that a movement is on foot to so modify the immigration laws that the introduction of desirable immigrants will be permitted, for a time at least.

It has reached the point in some of the larger industrial centers that labor has been so "organized" that the commonest day labor cannot be secured without paying higher wages than was formerly paid for skilled mechanics. And the result is that everything continues to cost more than the average person, not a mechanic and in the enjoyment of high wages, can afford to pay.

Farm labor from every section is drifting to the cities to get the high wages that are offered for unskilled labor, and as a result the farmers are obliged to let their land lie fallow. This again will bring the prices of food to such a point that only the wealthy and the high priced mechanics will be able to eat sufficient to keep in health.

Wheat has already reached, through skillful manipulation, a price never before dreamed of in this country, and corn has got to a point where it is no longer available for feeding cattle and hogs.

With at least a twenty-five per cent reduction in the planted area this year, food will advance to unlooked-for prices. With hay and fodder beyond the reach of the dairymen and the cattle raisers, meat will become too expensive for the average consumer.

So it can readily be seen that the only hope for the immediate future is the importation of farm laborers who are still willing to work for wages that will permit the farmer to raise a crop and sell it at reasonable prices, and for the railroads to secure a sufficient force of unskilled hands for repair and construction work who will work at prices that will enable them to run without enormously increasing freight tariffs.

From all available reports, there is a dearth of farm and other unskilled labor of at least two millions, and unless we can import that many workmen from other countries we shall soon see a shortage of food and high prices for what we have on hand.

Despite the momentary importance of the skilled mechanic, the world is going to return to sanity as regards wages. Naturally the automobile manufacturers, for instance, can afford to pay high wages as long as they can get their prices for all the cars they can make and still have unfilled orders.

Cotton mills will pay high wages to their workers as long as cotton goods which formerly sold for 6c are selling at 30c. It is not merely 30c cotton which causes the high prices for sheetings and domestics. The wages paid factory hands also have their share in causing the increase.

Again the machinery builders who have to pay high wages to mechanics must get higher prices for their products, so the cotton mills have to get more money for their fabrics.

A printing press which formerly sold for around \$1,500 is now worth nearly double—at least, it costs nearly double. The steel and other metal used in its production costs but little more, but wages have gone up to a point where the day laborer gets his \$5 and \$6 a day.

It is true that the mechanics say they cannot live on less, with prices of food and clothing so high, with rent 200 or 300 per cent of what it used to be, and with automobiles costing so much.

But the European laborer, for instance, does not want expensive food, or a servant or two in the house, and he never was inside an automobile, unless it was while he was being carted from place to place during the great war. He will work for less money because his scale of living is lower, and he would look on the wages formerly paid our farm hands as a godsend.

If this is the only solution for cheaper food and more food at a time when we, in company with the rest of the world, need food, let us have it.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

When the Huns left France and Belgium after occupying certain sectors for months, they not only took with them all they could carry of value, but they wilfully and wantonly destroyed what they could not take.

A parallel is offered in the recent flight of Carranza and his adherents from the Mexican capital. They not only took with them all the money they could secure and all the munitions of war they could carry, which was a perfectly justifiable war measure, but they took away or destroyed the national archives, especially those of the treasury department and the executive department.

Nothing can excuse such acts. The archives were the property of the nation, and they cannot be replaced if they are found to have been destroyed. It is true that the money and munitions were also the property of the nation, but they can be replaced, even if not recaptured.

It is natural to surmise that there is a reason for the abstraction of the national records. The charges against Luis Cabrera, the absconding secretary of the treasury, might be sub-

stantiated were the records to be found, and it is as much to the interest of Carranza to have them destroyed as to that of Cabrera, for the records might divulge the fact that Carranza had secured large sums of money to which he was not entitled.

Still, nothing can excuse the abstraction or destruction of these valuable state records. Without them the treasury department will be in confusion for some time to come, and it may be that the new administration will have to wipe the slate clean and start all over.

This is an example of the autocratic methods of Carranza and the group of men who surrounded him. "After the deluge," is their cry, and they cynically boast of their perspicacity (?) in looking out for themselves (the people afterwards).

It demonstrates as nothing else could the justice of the complaints against the Carranza regime. For a man who could attempt as his final act an injury to the people whom he feigned to love so much, then all his previous acts must have been dictated by the same spirit of petty meanness. It is the final revelation of the character of Carranza, the coward as well as the vindictive usurper.

Carranza has attempted on several occasions to defend himself against the charges made by his enemies. He has given proof of a willingness to profit by the deeds of others, while disowning them in the moment of defeat. And he has never been above wilful deceit and prevarication when it served his ends.

When he granted permission for the Pershing expedition to enter Mexican territory he found that it was not pleasing to many of his people, especially those who were watching for him to make a slip. So he deliberately declared in an official note to our state department that he had never given such permission, although his own signature was affixed to the document in possession of our government.

When Angeles was murdered Carranza felt a momentary feeling of relief as well as of gratification that one who had been so successful against his plans should have been put out of the way. Finding, however, that the entire world stood aghast at such a foul assassination, especially on the part of the self-elected "avenger" of Madero, he promptly disclaimed any connection with the crime and declared that he had given positive orders to suspend the execution of the sentence, in proof of which he offered a telegram which he declared he had sent to Chihuahua.

There are so many acts of treachery, of petty sneaking, of deliberate lying and of shameless effrontery on the part of Carranza that one does not wonder at any new charge made against him. Hence the charge that the state records were deliberately abstracted by his orders and that they are probably destroyed will not be doubted by those who have watched his career. It is of a piece with some of his other acts.

LONDON'S MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

London, May 19.—The Royal Military Tournament, promoted to benefit military and naval charities, and to encourage skill-at-arms in His Majesty's forces, will be held at Olympia tomorrow. The King, as the chief and active patron, and a strong committee, figure on the list of officials, and a splendid performance fully equal to that of last year seems to be assured.

New features of military and aerial life will be shown by troops lent by the Admiralty, the War Office and the Air Ministry. All branches of the forces will be drawn upon, overseas troops being again well represented. The complete program will embrace representatives of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Regular Army, Special Forces, Territorial Army, Cadet Force, Royal Air Force, Overseas Troops, the Officers Training Corps of Oxford and Cambridge universities, and the Gentlemen-Cadets of the various colleges.

HISTORY OF AUSTIN.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 19.—A valuable unpublished manuscript giving the history of Austin and the surrounding Colorado valley has just come into possession of members of the faculty of the University of Texas school of history. It is the work of Frank Brown, who was for fifty-five years a resident of this city, and covers the period from the earliest explorations of the Colorado valley down to 1875. The university faculty say the work is the only one in existence with a connected and continuous record of this section of the state.

Much of the material in the history was collected from old settlers, according to Mrs. Henry Hutchings, daughter of Mr. Brown, and wife of Brigadier General Henry Hutchings of Austin. Other sources of information were state records and the early newspapers of Texas.

Perhaps the most interesting parts of the manuscript are its quaint, old-time illustrations and realistic accounts of encounters with Indians. The latter are said to contain valuable information regarding the life of the Indian, their government, religion and attitude toward the intrusion of the white race.

FUNERAL WAS HELD TODAY AND IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Remains of Juan V. Benavides Laid to Rest by the Side of Those of His Wife in the City Cemetery.

The funeral of Juan V. Benavides, justice of the peace, and native of Laredo, who died at his home in this city yesterday forenoon at 10:10 o'clock following a short illness from pneumonia, took place from the home opposite the city hall to San Agustín church this morning at 9 o'clock and was largely attended, while many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the casket and all about it by friends who had known the deceased for many years and held him in the highest esteem. After funeral services at San Agustín church the procession proceeded to the city cemetery, where interment was made by the side of the wife who had preceded her husband to the great beyond a little over five years ago.

The funeral this morning was attended by most of the county and city officials and the following acted as pallbearers: Active—Agustín Salinas, Francisco Parías, C. R. Molina, E. Mendoza, T. A. Leyendecker and Joe C. Martin. Honorary—A. Winslow, Honore Ligarde, Antonio Salinas, J. A. Rodriguez, B. Richardson, Dario Sanchez, Dr. E. H. Sauvignat, Geo. W. Sprague, Leonides Garcia, A. M. Bruni, J. M. Ramos, Francisco Chapa, J. M. Garcia, Charles A. McLane, P. P. Leyendecker, Leopoldo Villegas, L. Marulanda and J. R. Rodriguez.

The flag over the city hall and also that over the county courthouse, which were placed at half-mast yesterday, remained in such positions until after the funeral this morning.

Call For Meeting.

All stockholders of Laredo in the Ranger and Burkhurst Oil Co. are invited to attend a meeting that will be held in the offices of Brennan & Leonard on Wednesday evening, May 19, 1920, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the report of Mr. Brennan on the recent general meeting of stockholders held in Houston.

GREAT CROWD AT THE ROYAL AND ANOTHER FOR TONIGHT

Tom Mix in "The Daredevil" Proves One of the Best and Most Thrilling Plays Ever Seen Here.

Tonight marks the end of the run of Fox Film Corporation's most successful Tom Mix production, "The Daredevil," which has introduced the cowboy actor to the patrons of the silent drama as author and actor as well. No picture that has been shown at the Royal Theatre, where this dramatic story of the West holds the screen, has produced the thrills that this splendid photoplay has given the many who have seen "the man who never takes" outdo his best previous efforts.

From the collapse of the house in which Mix is mixing it with the cow-punchers in the opening scene, until as a last daring deed he jumps on the roof of a "dobe shack" in which the bandits have taken refuge and plunges through it into the very midst of the outlaws, there is not a moment when the action is not of the fastest and the thrills are not of the greatest. Tom Mix accomplishes stunts in "The Daredevil" that cannot be pictured in words. He is in a class by himself, and his support in his latest Fox picture is as perfect as the star himself.

\$100.00 Reward

Will be paid to anyone finding or proving that we use any artificial coloring in our establishment. Nothing but pure butter used in our cakes and pastries. Try some of our home baked ham, veal loaf and all kinds of roast and cooked meat, sausages, cheese, mayonnaise salad, potato chips, fresh butter and eggs. When you are hungry call us up. Phone 841. Kennedy Delicatessen and Bakery at "Reed's Drugstore."

New Geological Map of Texas.

The Times is in receipt of an interesting geological map of Texas which has just been issued by the Standard Map & Engineering Co. of Fort Worth, which shows the approximate locations and drilling wells over the entire state and also gives the names of the companies drilling. This map shows Texas practically covered with derricks, denoting great activity in drilling operations in almost every section of the state.

For Sale Cheap

One Cadillac, 8-cylinder, 7-passenger. One Chandler, 6-cylinder, 7-passenger. One Chandler Speedster, 4-passenger. One new Studebaker, 4-cylinder 5-passenger. One Ford, 5 passenger.

CRUMPLER SALES CO., Phone 1120.

Attention Legionnaires!

All members of the American Legion who are interested in organizing a baseball team are urged to meet at the Elks' Hall, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m., May 19th, 1920.

E. J. WORKMERS, Athletic Officer. 5-18-21.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

GRADUATES OF LAREDO HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT PLAY.

Thirteen Young People Who Have Finished High School Work Will Participate in the Program.

The public schools of the Laredo Independent School District will close their session on Friday afternoon, May 21, and at night at the Royal Opera House, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, the commencement exercises of the Class of 1920 of the Laredo High School will take place, when thirteen graduates will receive their diplomas, the graduates being the following young people: John Maher, Ernest Heaner, Valentin Puig, Joseph Strain, F. Ovid Shanks, Miss Julia McVicar, Jack King, Miss Laura Taylor, Miss Amelia Ochoa, Miss Cynthia Press, Miss Virginia Vira Penn, Miss Olive Chamberlain and Miss Jesusa Gonzales. At the commencement exercises the following program will be carried out by the class and others participating:

Overture, "Burlesque," by Royal Orchestra. Senior Play—"Country Boys in College" with the following cast: Jack Jamison and Hank Hawkins, country boys, John Maher and Ernest Heaner; Harry Williams, whose father strikes oil in Zapata, Valentin Puig; Bill Esmond, Jack's friend, Joe Strain; Sport Yeager, Harry's friend, Ovid Shanks; Nute Nealy, Jack's uncle, Jack McVicar; "Dad" White, coach, Jack King; fair co-eds—Alice Arnold, Laura Taylor; Jean Anderson, Amelia Ochoa, Clara Carney, Cynthia Press; Helen Hamilton, Virginia Vira Penn; Julia Wilmoth, Olive Chamberlain; Rose Roberts, Jesusa Gonzales; track team and snipe.

Act I—Nute Nealy's farm on the outskirts of Austin, Texas, the day before the opening of the University. Act II—Athletic grounds of the University of Texas the day before the tryout for the track meet. Act III—The tryouts. Song, "Graduation Day," words by Miss Amelia Ochoa; music by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn; Hungarian Dance, Brahms, by Royal Orchestra; Provencal song, Eva Bell Acqua, by Virginia Penn; "Musical Potpourri" under direction Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn; Phyllis Bunn, Lois Derby, Kathleen Heaner, Willie Belle Brennan, Rosalie Biggio, Evelyn Ryan, Horace Greenstreet, Arnulfo Zamora, Edward Leyendecker, Joe Puig, Luis Cardenas and Jake Bunn. "Democracy and Free Education," by Jesusa Gonzalez; Spanish recitation, by F. Ovid Shanks; address to graduates by Asher R. Smith; presentation of diplomas; presentation of scholarships; "Dear Old High," words by Jack King and music by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn; benediction, Rev. L. H. Wharton; exit march, "El 20 de Noviembre," by Prof. M. L. Davalos.

You have got to clean and clear the bowels thoroughly to have good health after months of indoor life; you would do so now if you could see them as you do your face or hands. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea cleans and clears as nothing else. Start tonight. Herrera's Pharmacy.

Marshall Brennan Returns. City Marshal M. Brennan, who left for Dallas several weeks ago to have his eyes treated by a well known specialist of that city, has returned to his home here and his sight is much improved.

To the Public. We now have employed first class plumbers and sheet metal workers, all experienced men, and would like the public to visit our shop and show room, 1313 Hidalgo street, where they will meet with a courteous reception. All work is guaranteed. If you need a plumber at night, phone 696.

SOUTHERN PLUMBING CO. 5-17-21.

ROTARIANS HELD LUNCHEON AND HAD SEVERAL GUESTS

Several Good Talks Made and Rotarians Appoint Committee to Cooperate in Good Roads Work.

The weekly luncheon of the Laredo Rotary Club was held at the Hamilton Hotel Cafe beginning at 12:15 noon today, well attended by the members of that organization and several invited guests.

The guests at the luncheon today consisted of W. S. Cantrell, Judge Hal W. Greer, ex-Senator Killum, Rev. White, Robert E. Essing and Mr. Hall, father of Dr. H. C. Hall. Short talks were made by Mr. Cantrell, Rev. White, Mr. R. E. Essing, Judge Hal W. Greer and ex-Senator Killum of Oklahoma.

The matter of the proposed highways in Webb county was discussed and a committee was appointed by the Rotarians to attend the meeting of taxpayers and members of the commissioners court this evening and urge and co-operate with the county officials in the construction of a system of first-class highways penetrating all parts of this county.

Masonic Notice. Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock. Work in F. C. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend.

FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Number of Important Matters Came Up Last Evening and Were Given Attention by the City Fathers.

The city council met in regular session last evening at 8 o'clock. Present—His honor, Mayor L. Villegas, and Aldermen Moore, DaCamara, Henry, Farias, Salinas and Richter. Absent—Aldermen Martin and Brennan.

With a quorum present, the following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the last regular session were read, and on motion of Alderman Henry, seconded and carried were approved.

The committee on Fire and Fire Limits, to whom the petition of John L. Dannelley and others for a fire plug at the corner of Laredo Street and McClelland Avenue was referred to, recommended that the same be granted.

On motion of Alderman Richter, seconded and carried the above report was adopted.

Alderman Moore, on behalf of the finance committee reported, that the committee had a conference with the officials of the S. W. Tel. and Tel. Co. with reference to the petition of said company for the repeal of an ordinance passed by the council fixing age.

We have a complete line of Farm Tractors and Plows on hand. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-15-21. Importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo are still lacking on account of the fact that freight trains from Mexico are not yet operating. However, passenger trains are operating on schedule time, both coming and going from Nuevo Laredo.

If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-23-21.

The Bellmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Jose Correa and Miss Zenaida Brondo, Manuel Cavazos and Miss Bera Vela.

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-21.

Just ask your friend who has a Samson. Then call us. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-15-21.

All business at the county courthouse was suspended this morning until noon out of respect to the late Juan V. Benavides, and most of the county offices were closed, as the officers were in attendance at the funeral.

We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-21.

District court took a recess at noon yesterday until noon today out of respect to the late Juan V. Benavides. This afternoon district court took up the trial of the civil docket where it was dropped.

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-21.

The feature attraction at the Royal Theater, "The Daredevil," with Tom Mix in the stellar role, attracted a full house to Laredo's popular playhouse yesterday afternoon and last night and great crowds will throng the place again tonight to witness this thrilling picture. Go see it.

PONTOON BRIDGE IS BEING USED BY PEDESTRIANS NOW

However, Structure Will Not Be Open to Cars and Vehicles Until Approaches Are Completed.

The pontoon bridge, between the two Laredos constructed by the Laredo Bridge Co., which will serve transportation purposes until the permanent reinforced concrete bridge spans the Rio Grande here, has been opened to traffic so far as pedestrians are concerned and those crossing back and forth between Nuevo Laredo and Laredo are now walking over the pontoon bridge.

The new bridge is of ample width to accommodate two automobiles, one passing another, as the main roadway is sixteen feet wide, while the side walk on the west side of the bridge is four feet wide. Until the approaches to the bridge on both sides of the Rio Grande are completed the pontoon bridge will not be opened to traffic of trucks, autos, vehicles, etc., but it is hoped that the approaches and the extension of the pontoon bridge will be completed within the next ten days at the most and thrown open to traffic in general.

PROBATE COURT MATTERS DISPOSED OF YESTERDAY

Two Cases Came Up for Consideration Before Probate Court Here Yesterday and Were Disposed of.

The following matters were taken up in the probate court yesterday and disposed of:

In the matter of the estate of Filomena Esquivel, a minor, on request of Cipriano Esquivel, who had made application for appointment as guardian, the application was withdrawn.

In the matter of the estate of the Rodriguez minors, the application of J. A. Ortiz for appointment as guardian was approved upon his producing an inventory and furnishing the necessary bond.

MODERN FLAGELLANTS.

By Associated Press.

Manila, P. I., May 19.—The practice of self whipping in public to appease divine wrath which flourished in certain countries of Europe centuries ago, still exists in the Philippine Islands, although in a diminishing degree each year.

Advices from the provinces where educational advantages are not enjoyed, show that the practice was indulged in during the Easter holidays this year though not by as great numbers as in former years.

Hundreds of Americans and other foreigners gathered at an open field a few miles from the center of the city to witness the weird performance, but only six appeared to do penance.

These beat themselves over the backs with heavy flexible bamboo flogging rods. Later they walked to seven points of the cross, where they were beaten by the master of the ceremonies. When the lashing is completed they throw themselves into a pool of mud and as they come from the stagnant water, their wounds are washed with pure water and healing medicines applied.

200,000 LOST YEARS!

The children of Texas are losing 200,000 years this year.

The state of Texas has recognized that its children have a right to kindergarten education, and has taken steps to give it to them. In 1918 a law was passed providing for the establishment of kindergartens upon the petition of parents of twenty-five children under school age down to and including five years, residing within the district,—the petition to be presented to School Trustees, between June first and August first.

Unfortunately many parents do not know of the passage of this law, and consequently their children, nearly 200,000 in number, have lost two whole years of the splendid kindergarten training to which every one of them is clearly entitled.

If there is no kindergarten in your school, circulate a petition at once and secure this educational advantage for your children and your children's friends.

Blank petitions and leaflets may be obtained from the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

GREAT AERONAUTIC PROGRAM

Atlantic City, N. J., May 19.—By radio, from the White House, President Wilson will open the third Pan-American Aeronautic Congress here tomorrow. The gathering will be held at the Steel Pier and will continue over a period of ten days.

It is expected that representatives of 32 countries and delegates from 60 aero clubs and 5000 civic bodies, automobile and yacht clubs, chambers of commerce and other organizations will help to make the congress one of the greatest aeronautic events ever organized.

Because of the wide variety of topics covered by the program, thousands of visitors are expected to attend the sessions. The subject of "The Large Dirigible and Its Value for Transportation" will attract representatives of railroads, steamship and other transportation companies, the "Work of the Aerial Police Squads" and "Why Every City Should Have One," will interest police commissioners, the "Aerial Mail Plane" will interest the Postoffice Department, postmasters, and commercial organizations throughout America, "The Need of Municipal Aerodromes, and the Part to be Played by Aircraft in City Planning," and "Pan-American Aerial Transport," will also be discussed.

The congress is to be held under the auspices of the Aero Club of America, the Pan-American Aeronautical Federation, the Aerial League of America, and the Liga Aerea de Cuba, the Aerial Touring Association of America, and the Aero Club of Atlantic City.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19.—With all the high officers and leading ministers of the church in America, as well as prominent laymen and missionaries from foreign countries, in attendance, the annual general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will be formally opened in this city tomorrow. The important business of the initial sessions will be the sermon of the retiring moderator and the election of his successor. The proceedings will continue a week or ten days and all indications point to a gathering of unusual interest. The general assembly will be called upon to deal with many church problems of unusual importance, some of them of long standing and others arising from the new social and other conditions growing out of the war.

Suggestion for a Camping Trip. Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steamships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is to have it with you.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

MAY 18.

Fifteen years ago there was employed in a department store in Boston a young clerk who believed in doing more work than the "boss" expected of him. Today this same young man, still in his early forties is a member of the British parliament, a multi-millionaire, and the controller of one of the largest shipping companies in the world. His name is J. C. Gould, and the story of his career is one of the romances of modern business. As a lad he left his native England as a sailor before the mast, tried his luck for a time in South Africa without success, and finally landed in America virtually penniless. After several years as a clerk he became office manager of a New York insurance company and in 1912 entered into the insurance business on his own account, with such success that when the war came on in 1914 he returned to England with sufficient capital to organize a small shipping company. Within five years he has become the controlling head of steamship lines and industrial companies with world-wide connections, and recently made a single deal involving nearly \$30,000,000.

STORY OF A FRECKLED-FACED BOY.

By Billie.

In the summer of 1887 a 14-year old boy, small for his age, with light hair that hadn't much association with a comb, and a freckled face that was half comical and half serious, applied at the Groveton saw mill for a job. The big superintendent laughed when he saw the boy. "Why, we don't need an office boy; we need big, healthy men to handle big timbers." "That is what I am after," said the boy. "I want a man's work."

"But you can't do it, my boy."

"Will you let me try, sir?"

"Sure," said the big man; "but you will be back in here before dinner for your pay."

"I will be with them when the sun goes down," said the strip of a boy. And he was with them when the sun went down, and he was with them through the hot summer months, all through the long day of sweat and toil. While other boys his age were playing marbles, he was out there with the big men doing a man's work, and each Saturday taking his \$4.80 to his mother.

One day the president of the mill asked the superintendent "Who is that little red faced boy that is working with those big men?" The superintendent replied that boy is the best "man" we have. "Rain or shine, hot or cold, you will find little Lynch out there on the job, and at noon he eats his little buttered cornbread and pours a little molasses on it out of a little bottle in his pocket and chases lizards in boyish glee until it is time to go to work. His mother is a widow and lives in that little house on the hillside where you see the vines growing. He is an unusual boy."

All through that year and another year, and another, little Lynch toiled away his youthful years with never a murmur, never a whimper.

That is the early story of Lynch Davidson. The big story of his battle for existence, of his slow, but steady rise in the realm of finance until the little old freckled-faced boy is one of the biggest lumber operators of South Texas. He has made a success of his life. He did it by hard work, by persistent work, and by a whole lot of ability.

Lynch Davidson's private life and business record is as stainless as a star. Every dollar put into his till went in there as clean as a bound's tooth.

Today he is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

The big men of this country are turning their attention to the needs of their country. They are getting away from self and are doing something for the nation. More big men have come out for office since the war than ever before in the history of this nation. They have come out because they are needed.

I believe it is a part of destiny that shapes the end of every nation that brings out its best men in the big emergencies. And God knows this country needs its big men now more than ever. I believe firmly that every disaster breeds a hero and for every crisis brings out big things in mankind. I believe that the reason the big men of America are turning away from profitable pursuits and devoting their energies to their country is because there is absolute necessity for their services.

When this country has an opportunity to get men of the calibre of Lynch Davidson into the legislature it should leave no stone unturned to put him there.

Vote for the boy whose motto was, "I will be with them when the sun goes down."

GASOLINE AT 50c.

By Associated Press.

Honolulu, T. H., May 18.—Hawaii soon will have 50-cent-a-gallon gasoline, according to the manager of a local branch of one of the largest oil companies just back from the mainland.

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton will entertain at auction bridge at 8:15 o'clock in honor of Judge and Mrs. H. A. Greer.

Mrs. M. B. Mowry will entertain the graduating class at 8:30 o'clock in the evening with a dancing party in honor of Miss Virginia Penn.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miriam Chapter No. 86 will have the regular meeting at Masonic Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening. There will be installation of officers and all members are urged to be present. All visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Buenz will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon honoring Mrs. Hal Greer.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Mussett at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Juniors will entertain with a banquet at the Metropolitan in the evening in honor of the Seniors.

A Little Parable.

I made the cross myself whose weight was later laid on me.
This thought is torture as I toil
Up life's steep Calvary.

To think mine own hands drove the nails!
I sang a merry song,
And chose the heaviest wood I had,
To build it firm and strong.

If I had guessed—if I had dreamed—
Its weight was meant for me,
I should have made a lighter cross
To bear up Cavalry!

—Annie Reeve Aldrich (1866-1892).

General Mention.

Mrs. Steiber of San Antonio is in the city visiting Mrs. H. J. Dullmer and family.

Miss Lucille Nunnally of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Mrs. B. A. Bellinger of Corpus Christi is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Mussett.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Denike have taken apartments with Mrs. J. S. Seymour on Juarez Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McCulloch have moved into the Hiatt cottage on the Heights.

Dr. M. P. Cullinan will return on Wednesday from Houston, Texas, where he went to attend the funeral of his nephew.

Mrs. Alfred Mathews and children spent the week end with Judge and Mrs. Welhausen in Encinal.

Mrs. L. Daiches will return Thursday morning from a trip to various points in the state.

Announcements.

Mrs. Keller of Fort McIntosh will entertain at auction bridge on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Miss Josephine Smith will entertain Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock at 1417 Washington street, in honor of the members of her algebra and science classes.

Laredo High School
Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty

Exercises of Commencement
on Friday, May the twenty first
Laredo, Texas.

Bunn-Macdonald Nuptials.

A quiet wedding that came as a big surprise to the friends of the contracting parties took place at Fort McIntosh last evening at 8:30 o'clock when Travis Bruce Bunn and Mrs. Adelaide Gebhardt Macdonald were united in marriage by Chaplain Summers of the 37th Infantry. The many friends of the couple wish them long life and happiness. Only intimate friends attended the ceremony.

Club Notes.

There was a very interesting meeting at the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon. The reports of various chairmen were given and the report of the treasurer was read, showing that the club was in good financial condition; the sum of \$195.47 in the bank and \$100 dollars in Liberty bonds. It was regretted to learn during the reading of the minutes of the resignation of Miss Nelson as librarian, as she is to be hostess at the

Service Club at Fort McIntosh. Mrs. C. S. McKinney took charge of the club when it was striving for an existence and it is now a club that the city is justly proud of. Mrs. R. L. Puster has been elected the new president. A delightful social hour was enjoyed after the business session, during which a delicious refreshment course was served. There was a fine attendance.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

There is to be a partial eclipse of the sun today, but it will not be visible in America.

Elihu Root is to be the chief speaker at exercises in New York city today in celebration of the semi-centennial of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Georgia Democrats are to meet in State convention at Atlanta today to name their delegates to the national convention at San Francisco.

Nebraska Republicans are to meet in State convention at Lincoln today to select presidential electors and frame a State platform.

Gen. Leonard Wood is expected to receive the Republican endorsement in today's presidential preference primaries in Vermont. No Democratic candidates will appear on the ballot.

In the general primaries in Pennsylvania today delegates to the national convention will be selected and candidates named for United States senator, representatives in Congress and other officials to be voted for in November.

Solution of the fuel problems confronting America through the use of electricity will be discussed at the annual convention of the National Electric Light Association, which is to begin its sessions today at Pasadena, Calif.

When the Canadian Railway Commission meets today it will probably take up the subject of increased passenger fares from Canada to the United States, made necessary by the difference in exchange.

Don't Always Blame Hens When Eggs Are Scarce.

Rats may be getting them—U. S. Government Bulletins prove they know how to get them. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP into small pieces and place where rats travel. If there, RAT-SNAP will get them—positively. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by A. Deutz & Brother, City Drug Co. and Sanitary Grocery.

HAD ALL THE MARKS.

By Associated Press.

Gaiveston, Tex., May 18.—The familiar clink of glasses through the closed shutters of a dwelling led to a raid on the place by federal prohibition enforcement officers. Four hundred bottles of an amber liquid, which officers said "smelled like beer, looked like beer and tasted like beer," were confiscated. Two vats filled with mash and other brewing accessories were taken over by the federal officers.

CEMENT MATERIALS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 18.—Instructions have been issued by the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology, University of Texas, regarding procedure to be followed by persons in the state who desire to avail themselves of the free services of the bureau in testing raw materials suitable for use in cement manufacture.

"When an organization has been formed to enter upon cement manufacture, suitable deposits should be looked for," says the statement. "We will be glad to help in this, provided we are informed of the exact location, thickness and extent of the deposits and are furnished ten 25-pound samples of each material so selected as to be, an average of each deposit sampled."

"After suitable materials have been located a 500 or 800 pound shipment of each of the two ingredients (limestone and clay) should be made to us, and we will manufacture about 300 pounds of the cement and test it. All freight, manual labor and fuel costs for the test must be borne by the parties for whom it is made."

BOUGHT FOR BRICK.

By Associated Press.

Jeffersonville, Ind., May 18.—Many brick buildings of former days have been bought in Jeffersonville in the last few months for the value of the brick they contain. Builders assert that in many cases the brick is superior to any that can be bought at the present time. Some of the buildings that are changing hands are a hundred years old. The old brick is going into modern structures with newer brick as a facing.

PRICE FOR CUCUMBERS.

By Associated Press.

Brownsville, Tex., May 18.—Another record price for cucumbers was set here recently when M. C. Myrtle, a farmer, received an average of ten dollars a bushel for his first shipment of that vegetable. He said this was four dollars more per bushel than he had ever received before.

MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATRE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—To the memory of the soldiers and sailors who fought the battles of the United States in all wars, a great Memorial Amphitheatre was dedicated today in Arlington National Cemetery.

The ceremonies were attended by veterans of three wars, members of the diplomatic corps, cabinet, Senate, House and other government officials and a large gathering of people. A procession of army, navy and marine corps detachments, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations, Spanish War veterans and World War veterans led by Major Nelson A. Miles (retired) preceded the ceremonies.

The dedicatory exercises were under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic to whose efforts credit is given for the inception of the memorial and for 18 years of work for it. Secretary Baker, Secretary Daniels, both members of the commission which had charge of the construction of the memorial; and Colonel D. M. Hall of Columbus, O., commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, were the principal speakers.

The great structure of white marble, built by the government at a cost of \$825,000 stands in the southern part of Arlington National Cemetery amid the graves of thousands of the Nation's dead. Near it are the Maine Memorial, where the battleship Maine's fighting top stands sentinel over the graves of the men who lost their lives when the vessel was sunk in Havana harbor, and the Confederate Memorial, surrounded by the graves of southerners. Besides commanding a view of the Potomac River and the city of Washington, it contains a chapel and seats 5,000 people.

Fifty six years ago yesterday Arlington National Cemetery was first used when President Lincoln personally witnessed the burial there of 12 soldiers who died in the hospital on the Arlington estate abandoned by General Robert E. Lee's family at the beginning of the civil war and bought by the United States at a tax sale for hospital purposes. Later the government paid the Lee heirs \$150,000. Soldiers' Home cemetery was filled and Quartermaster General Meigs, with President Lincoln's consent, ordered the soldiers buried in Arlington. That was the beginning of the Arlington National Cemetery which has become one of the shrines of the Nation's soldier and sailor dead.

For years a little vine-clad amphitheater served for ceremonies on Memorial Days, when the President of the United States usually was the orator, but the gatherings outgrew this and the Grand Army of the Republic 18 years ago began a movement for the memorial amphitheater. Authorization for construction was given by Congress several years ago, and a commission appointed to carry out the plans. Besides the Secretary of War, who is chairman of the commission, and the Secretary of the Navy, the commission was composed of Elliott Woods, superintendent of the United States Buildings and Grounds; Colonel John McElroy, representing the Grand Army of the Republic; Fred Beall, representing the United Confederate Veterans, and Charles W. Newton, representing the Spanish War Veterans.

The Arlington Memorial Amphitheater is said to be the only memorial of its kind in the world, monuments and memorials of all kinds having been erected to generals and other leaders, but none heretofore has been erected to the soldiers and sailors who fought all the battles of the country.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

The latest English dictionaries contain nearly 500,000 words.

In Japan tobacco smoking is almost universal with men, women and children.

The Chinese have special fans for the three seasons of spring, summer, and autumn.

The first Biblical illustrative art consisted in the symbolic frescoes of the Catacombs.

In the last 500 years Mexico has produced more silver than any other country in the world.

Twins are more common among mothers of between twenty-five and thirty years than at other ages.

The business hours in Mexico are from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 3 to 6 o'clock. Between 1 and 3 o'clock everyone sleeps or gossips, and after 7 o'clock none of the shops is to be found open.

Sugar, as such, is not to be purchased in a Central African village, but the people do not need it, for they have fruit all the year round, and the children have sugar cane to suck or the sweet stalks of the maize plant to chew.

Clocks have been made within recent years which seem almost to solve the problem of perpetual motion. For instance, there is a clock which has already gone 15 years with one winding, and its inventor claims it will run for fifty.

Carlsbad, the famous health resort, is built over a crust, underneath which is a vast subterranean lake of boiling water, and all the hot sulphur springs have to be ceaselessly watched and the pressure kept down lest the town be destroyed.

STATE DEPARTMENT ADVICES SAY YUCATAN ANNOUNCES ADHESION TO NEW GOVERNMENT

Advices to Revolutionary Agents in Washington Say the Carranza Commanders are in Flight, Presumably to Cuba
—Commission Chosen by Revolutionists has Taken Over the Government.

WANT LAW MODIFIED TO HELP SITUATION

AMERICAN LABOR SHORTAGE SHOULD BE MET BY IMPORTATION OF FOREIGNERS.

By Associated Press.

New York, May 18.—Temporary modification of the immigration laws to permit the influx of desirable immigrants to meet the American labor shortage was urged today by Senator Walter E. Edge in an address to the National Manufacturers Association. He advocated a process of Americanization to prevent the immigrants falling under the spell of "world-wide anarchists and Bolsheviks."

ROAD BONDS ARE NOT SELLING TO PEOPLE

COUNTY OFFICIALS WANT GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT PRESENT ROAD LAW FOR AMENDMENT.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 18.—County officials appeal to the governor to submit at the coming special session the road law for amendments providing for issuing bonds not to exceed six per cent. The proponents say millions of dollars of road bonds voted cannot be sold because the present law provides for five and one-half per cent and requires that the bonds bring par with accrued interest. Exemption of municipal bonds from state tax is urged.

Boll Worm Question.

Austin, Texas, May 18.—Efforts to have the pink boll worm bill considered by joint session of senate and house committees, and later to have each branch consider the bill sitting as a committee of the whole to expedite it will be made, said Senator Leon A. Smith, acting chairman of the senate agricultural committee, today.

Concurrent Resolution.

Austin, Texas, May 18.—Immediately upon convening the special session of the legislature Thursday a concurrent resolution will be introduced in the house proposing investigation of the conditions in the pink boll worm district. It was announced today by Representative Leonard Tillotson following a conference with the governor today.

JURY STILL OUT.

By Associated Press.

Llano, Texas, May 18.—The jury in the Callan case was still out at noon.

MONEY SPENT FOR AID.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 18.—The final report of expenditures for relief in the storm-stricken area of South and Southwest Texas, including Corpus Christi, shows that \$388,171 was collected and disbursed. The report was made by A. W. Jones, Jr. of the American Red Cross, southwestern division, to Gov. W. P. Hobby.

Nearly one-fourth of the sum—\$111,104—was received from local relief committees, according to the report; \$141,009 came from subscriptions raised through the governor's office; and the remainder from the American Red Cross, excepting a small sum which was contributed by miscellaneous sources.

ELECTRICAL HOMES.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, May 18.—The first of a chain of model "electrical homes" to be built and opened for public inspection in the San Francisco Electrical Development League is announced. The league expects to demonstrate that servants are unnecessary in homes fully equipped with electrical devices.

Model homes are being in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—The adhesion of Yucatan to the provisional government was reported today in state department advices and cablegrams to agents here. Carranza commanders are in flight, presumably to Cuba. A commission has taken over the local government.

BERLIN NEWSPAPER APPROVES ACTION

SAID UNITED STATES HAS FOUND CONVENIENT SOLUTION OF THE PEACE PROBLEM.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, May 18.—Commenting on the Knox peace resolution, the Tageblatt today said it is believed the United States has "found a convenient solution growing out of the rejection of the Versailles treaty," but suggests that it will be necessary to enter into friendly negotiations before normal commercial relations can be resumed.

Hungary Will Sign Treaty.

Budapest, May 18.—It was indicated today that Hungary will sign the peace treaty presented by the allies. Count Albert Apponyi, a strong opponent of the treaty, has resigned from the peace delegation.

TO END CONTROVERSY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—Concessions obtained by Secretary of Labor Wilson from both miners and operators during the conference today, officials said, would make possible the settlement of the controversy over increased wage demands of the anthracite coal miners, probably by tomorrow.

GROUNDHOG DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Ind., May 18.—Ground hogs, burrowing under the Jackson-Bartholomew county pike near here recently caused a collapse of the highway and the report was so loud residents of Waymansville believed an earthquake had occurred. The pike was torn up and caved in for about seventy-five feet. Some of the openings were more than ten feet deep.

BY AIR TO AMAZON.

By Associated Press.

London, May 18.—Establishment of an aerial route from the Pacific to the Amazon as a means of surmounting difficulties of road travel among the Andes, is advocated by G. M. Dyott, until recently a squadron commander of the British Royal Naval Air Service.

"There is no serious difficulty in the way, so far as the scheme's practicability is concerned," Mr. Dyott told the Royal Geographical Society. "We have heard of the great height of the Andes, but there are low altitudes at which they may be crossed. One of the Andes ridges can be negotiated at a height of 7,500 feet, but there is another rising to 15,000 feet. "Peru," he continued, "is peculiarly suitable for aerial traffic. Aerial highways will undoubtedly play a large part in the future development of that country. It is of importance that rapid communication should be established between the interior and the coast, and in order to do this the airplane must come to the rescue."

Discussing the difficulty of traveling by road, Mr. Dyott said that it took him five days to travel from one part in the Andes to another whereas the airplane would cover the distance in fifteen minutes, and in another stage of the journey it took him exactly a week to travel a distance which would be negotiated by the airplane in 30 minutes.

PROFITEERS LOOK OUT.

By Associated Press.

University of Idaho, Moscow, May 18.—Profiteers in eggs would have their difficulties if all hens were as industriously prolific as Ida U., a white Orpington pullet owned by the poultry department of the University of Idaho. Two eggs a day on six different days and 52 eggs in 49 days is this extraordinary hen's carefully authenticated record, the university announced.

JOINT CONFERENCE REACHED DEADLOCK

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL BETWEEN MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—A deadlock on the army reorganization bill was reached today by the senate and house conference. The senate provisions to reorganize the force caused the question to be brought to the house for a vote. Disagreement came said Chairman Wadsworth of the senate managers, despite the offer of the senate side to eliminate the senate provisions for voluntary military training of youths between 18 and 20.

DANIELS ACCUSED SENATOR PENROSE

SAID PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMIRAL SIMS' CHARGES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—Senator Penrose, Republican, not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the basic charges against the navy department made by Admiral Sims, Secretary Daniels asserted today before the senate naval investigating committee. The senator's 1918 speech said procrastination on the part of the secretary delayed the termination of the war at least three months, cost fifteen billion dollars and many lives. Mr. Daniels said almost the identical words were used by Admiral Sims a year later.

DENOUNCED PROFITEERING.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—Profiteering was denounced today in the senate by Senator Walsh, Democrat, who asserted that the extortion of the profiteers was the principal cause of widespread unrest, and that congress had been "culpably inactive" in moving to relieve the situation.

OPPOSING REPORTS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 18.—Two reports, one Republican condemning the government's wartime nitrate program and charging reckless waste and extravagance, the other Democrat defending the program and charging partisan bias by the majority, were presented to the house by the special investigating committee which began the investigation a year ago.

PRIZE FOR CAVALRY.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 18.—A cash prize of \$1,000 has been offered by the Austin Chamber of Commerce to the troop of cavalry of the Texas National Guard which has the largest attendance of qualified officers and men present at the national guard encampment to be held at Camp Mabey, near Austin, Aug. 6 to 20.

STRIKERS ATTACKED.

By Associated Press.

Port Arthur, Tex., May 18.—Twelve non-union negro longshoremen went to the hospital today following an attack on the street car on which they rode to unload Mallory steamers. The police said negro union longshoremen attacked, shattering the car windows with bullets. Twelve arrests were made.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

MAY 18.

Representatives of Allied Powers received Austrian peace delegates at St. Germain-en-Laye.

Harry Hawke, Australian aviator, started from St. John's, Nfld., in attempt to fly to Ireland.

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From Monday's Daily.
NEW MURDER PROGRAM.

Those who have any doubt as to whether the communists of one country differ from those of another, of Russia, for instance, will soon have their doubts resolved, according to a news despatch from Germany.

According to reliable information the communists in Mecklenburg are discussing the question of whether or not they shall kill all landowners when they have their planned uprising at an early date!

Think of it! A man is to be killed merely because he owns land, not because he has committed any offense against the people, save that in the eyes of the communists the possession of any property is an offense that is punishable with death.

Does anyone believe that the subscribers to the tenets of communism in this country differ in any way from their "brothers" across the sea? It must be remembered that the communist doctrine is fully subscribed to by the communists of this country, who are members of the "Third Section of the Internationals," embracing the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The success of the communists is impossible anywhere, save in Russia, where the people are at present frightened of their own shadows, and in other countries where a similar condition prevails.

In this country, where the ambition of every decent citizen is at least to own his home, and where the people are determined to fight for their homes should they be menaced, the communists will not gain a foothold.

But lest anyone be deceived by the mildness of their statements when they are cornered and forced to answer the charges against them, it should be known by everybody that communism depends, first of all, upon the forcible seizure of other people's property. The communists have none of their own, nor could they have and be loyal to their own doctrines. So they take that of others, and if their seizure is resisted, it means death to the one who resists.

This has been the experience of the Russians who have meekly accepted the communist rule. First the nobles and the large landowners; next the small farmers; then storekeepers and the people with small funds in the bank; finally, all who had anything, the poorest having to surrender their wives, sisters and daughters "to the nation!"

It has been urged by those who defend the communists in this country that their program is not the same as that of the Bolsheviks. The same was urged by the friends of the German communists when they were trying to overthrow such government as the German people have been able to form out of the heterogeneous elements that entered into the new republic.

But the mask is off the Russian communists, and now it is being stripped from the faces of the German Reds, the men who caused the streets of Berlin to run red with the blood of innocent civilians, and who are now planning an uprising in Mecklenburg.

If the German people desire to continue as a nation, they will rise and put down this sort of revolution with the strong hand. It may cost blood, shed, but not so much as would follow the success of the commune. And the blood of the vile anarchists who want to overthrow all government is not to be compared with that of the women and children would be their first victims.

We are asked to withhold our judgment as to the communists and socialists in this country. We are begged to give them the same freedom of speech as we grant to the law-abiding, respectable citizens of our country. And their hired defenders—there are few others—demand the same consideration for this bloody minded crew as for the people who obey the laws and uphold our government.

Yet the communists—the socialists are in the same boat and are merely trying to trim their sails a little

closer to the wind—in their own public meetings beat and abuse anyone who differs with their speakers, and they openly laud and honor Soviet Russia while abusing the land of the free. They are all off the same piece; the pattern is but slightly different.

A POPULAR MOVEMENT.

Whatever outsiders may think as to the motives which led to the revolt that overthrew the Carranza government, there is no doubt that it is a popular movement. With but few exceptions the Mexican people in all parts of the republic are announcing their adherence to the new provisional government, even before it is established, and the rejoicing over the end of the Carranza regime is general.

A Mexico City newspaper heads a despatch from Tampico "General Manuel Pelaez is Not the 'Eternal Revolutionist.'" A few weeks ago the same paper spoke of Pelaez as the bandit of the Huasteca and ridiculed his pretension to military rank, calling him a cabecilla—a little chief.

The reason is that Pelaez has announced himself satisfied with the ideals of the new revolution and said that he will quit fighting, as there is no longer need for it. He said he was only fighting against greed and oppression, and that with the departure of the Carranza government all reason for his opposition had passed.

Villa, that perennial thorn in the side of the Carranza government, who was also opposed to the rule of Huerta and who up to the present has acknowledged no government in his country, has also joined the revolution and announces that he will disband his forces and retire, convinced that the new government will be for the people.

It is somewhat laughable to note the change of attitude on the part of the Mexico City newspapers. "Even after the beginning of the Sonora revolt they were filled with fulsome adulation of Carranza and his government, but the day after his flight from the capital they had columns about the "Carrancistas," abusing the former "first chief" to the queen's taste.

Nothing could more plainly illustrate the change than open declarations that the Carranza government was guilty of grave peculations, and one charge in particular is that the paper money redeemed for destruction was not all burned, but that a considerable quantity found its way into circulation again.

For many months past the people have been chafing under the extortion and the misgovernment of the Carranza regime. It is natural that they should hail as their deliverers any party opposed to Carranza and his crew, and the fact that the various revolutionists in all parts of the country are laying down their arms and accepting the new government is proof of their belief in its honesty of purpose.

It may be that out of the present revolution there will come the man who has been looked for by not only the Mexican people themselves but our own country. We have never desired to meddle with the affairs of Mexico, trusting that some day they would decide upon a man of their own choice for ruler who would be acceptable to the whole people and at the same time not antagonistic to friendly nations.

Surely the Mexican people have had enough of bloodshed and disorder. For nearly ten years the banner of revolt has been waving in that country, and from the day that Francisco Madero declared himself in opposition to the government of Porfirio Diaz in November, 1910, there has not been a week without some armed force in opposition to whatever government there might be at the time.

We should keep our hands off; we should let the Mexicans alone in this newest—and apparently most real—of their attempts at seizing control of their own affairs. Nothing but abuse of our own nationals should cause us to interfere in any way with the Mexican people, and there should be the strictest vigilance to insure that our neutrality is observed as between the factions.

If the present provisional government is strong enough it will stand without any adventitious aid; if it is not, all we could do to bolster it up would be of no avail. We have not the slightest interest as to who shall govern Mexico, except that the government must be one that will respect our rights and those of our citizens resident in that country. And when the government shall have finally established itself, it may look for our cordial friendship.

STOP ITCHING ECZEMA

Penetrating, Antiseptic Zemo Will Help You
Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying Zemo. Furnished by any druggist for 35c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment Zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of eczema, tetter, pimples, rash, blackheads and similar skin diseases will be removed. For clearing the skin and making it vigorously healthy, always use Zemo, the penetrating, antiseptic liquid. It is not greasy, and it does not stain. When others fail it is the one dependable treatment for skin troubles of all kinds. The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

THOUSANDS OF PROMINENT MEXICANS ARE GOING BACK

EXILES RETURNING TO THEIR OLD HOMES IN MEXICO NOW.

Trains Leaving Laredo for Nuevo Laredo and Points in Mexico Carry Full Quota of Passengers.

As announced exclusively in The Times on Saturday that train service had been resumed on the National Lines of Mexico after a suspension of nine days, (the first train for Monterrey, Saltillo and Mexico City leaving here on Saturday morning,) the first train from the southward arrived in Nuevo Laredo on Saturday shortly before midnight, bringing about 400 passengers from Monterrey, Saltillo and points as far south as the Mexican capital, although the passengers from Mexico City were those who had been stranded in Monterrey several days.

Every outgoing train from Laredo to Nuevo Laredo is loaded with passengers en route to points in Mexico, and for the most part being prominent Mexican families who have been exiles from their native country for the past four to six years on account of the Carranza administration of affairs there, but now they are returning home with a full confidence that all troubles are over and that the new government which will soon be established there will guarantee them the same protection of themselves and their rights as under the Porfirio Diaz regime and that peace and prosperity will soon come to old Mexico.

Quite a number of Americans, British and other foreigners were among the passengers arriving in Laredo Sunday morning and this morning, but these people are not fleeing from Mexico on account of fear from the revolutionary troubles, but mostly on business visit. A number of prominent oil men from the Tampico oil field were among the passengers reaching the border Sunday morning, as all those who reached Nuevo Laredo Saturday night crossed to the American side early Sunday morning; in ample time to catch the north-bound I. & G. N. train, which now departs from this city at 9:30 o'clock each morning instead of at 8:30 as under the previous schedule. For the next few weeks travel over the National Lines of Mexico promises to be the heaviest known in years, as thousands of Mexican refugees from all portions of the United States will be returning to Mexico to take up their residence again.

MAYOR OF NUEVO LAREDO WRITES COURTEOUS LETTER

Declares Purpose of City Administration is to Bring Friendly Relations With This Country.

The following letter received by Hon. Jno. A. Valls from the mayor of Nuevo Laredo is an example of the desire for friendly and cordial relations between the two countries on the part of the new government:
C. Laredo, Tamps., May 15, 1920.
Honorable District Attorney, Laredo, Texas.

I have the honor to inform you that, having been designated by C. Lic. Emilio Portes Gil, provisional governor of the state of Tamaulipas, to hold the office of municipal president of this port, I have taken charge of this office dating from the 12th instant.

I also take pleasure in informing you that in the session of the council held in the evening of the 13th instant I was directed to address you for the purpose of informing you as above and to state that the city administration of Nuevo Laredo includes in its purposes that of fomenting friendly relations with the American people as represented by their authorities.

I shall endeavor to maintain between the two the greatest cordiality. Reiterating my most courteous consideration for you,

EFFECTIVE SUFFRAGE AND NO RE-ELECTION,
The Municipal President,
FELIPE ZEPEDA.

GOV. E. PORTES GIL LEAVES FOR VISIT OVER THE STATE

New Provisional Governor of Tamaulipas Left Nuevo Laredo Today for Victoria and Tampico.

Emilio Portes Gil, the new provisional governor of the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, who has been in Nuevo Laredo for the past week or more, left this morning for the capital at Victoria and from there will go on an official visit to Tampico, which is also in the state of Tamaulipas.

Governor Gil expects to return to Nuevo Laredo in a short time, but he will establish his permanent residence at Victoria, capital of the state, and in which city he was born and reared.

Royal Arch Masons.
Important convocation of Laredo Chapter No. 185 Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock for regular business and work in Most Excellent Master's degree. All members earnestly requested to attend and all visiting Companions cordially invited.
JOHN COLMAN, Sec'y.
5-15-20.

STORM ON SATURDAY NIGHT ACCOMPANIED BY GOOD RAIN

HOWEVER, LESS THAN AN INCH OF RAIN WAS RECORDED HERE

Thunder and Lightning Was Fierce; Some Places in Texas Suffered Veritable Cloudbursts Saturday.

A heavy thunder and lightning storm, but devoid of any wind whatever, struck Laredo on Saturday night, the storm being in evidence to the north and northeastward early in the evening, but not striking Laredo proper until about 10 o'clock, when it was accompanied by a heavy rain for a time. The storm continued in evidence most of the night, but the rain was in evidence only at intervals and the precipitation was not as heavy as many expected, only amounting to .80 of an inch. Last night this rain-fall was augmented by .08 of an inch, making the total in about 24 hours not quite an inch—.88 of an inch.

Following in the wake of the storm, and after a day in which the heat was felt by everybody, cool weather prevailed in Laredo yesterday, last night and today, making summery clothing uncomfortable and it being necessary to get out the heavier duds which had been relegated to the wardrobe or trunk until next fall and winter. However, the rain will prove of inestimable value in putting the ground in excellent condition for a big cotton crop in the Laredo section this year, as the acreage in cotton will be the largest ever planted here.

Reports received in Laredo indicate that the rain was general throughout this entire section of the state and in some places on Saturday night the heaviest rains ever known fell. At Yoakum six inches of rainfall was recorded within an hour while San Marcos and the country between San Antonio and Austin had similar cloudbursts. Laredo appears to have had the lightest rain, as the precipitation here was only a little over three-quarters of an inch, but it was sufficient to do great good in putting the soil in condition for cotton.

For Sale Cheap
One Cadillac, 8-cylinder, 7-passenger.
One Chandler, 6 cylinder, 7-passenger.
One Chandler Speedster, 4-passenger.
One new Studebaker, 4 cylinder 5-passenger.
One Ford, 5 passenger.
CRUMPLER SALES CO.
5-15-20. Phone 1120.

PROCLAMATION.

To the Citizens of Laredo:
A nation wide drive for new members will be put on by the American Legion to be known as American Legion Membership "Push-Week" May 17th-May 22nd inclusive. Therefore I hereby proclaim the week of May 17th to 22nd, as American Legion Push-Week, and I suggest that all the good citizens of Laredo dedicate this week to join hands with the ex-service men and women in observing it in the spirit and for the purpose outlined by the American Legion.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name, and cause the seal of Laredo, Texas, to be affixed hereon, this 17th day of May, 1920.

L. VILLEGAS,
Mayor of the City of Laredo.
A. R. GARCIA,
City Secretary.
Laredo, May 17, 1920.

To the Public.
We now have employed first-class plumbers and sheet metal workers, all experienced men, and would like the public to visit our shop and show room, 1313 Hidalgo street, where they will meet with a courteous reception. All work is guaranteed. If you need a plumber at night, phone 696.

SOUTHERN PLUMBING CO.
5-17-20.

Commencement Exercises.
The prices of admission for the Commencement Exercises of the Laredo High School at the Royal Opera House Friday evening are as follows: Lower floor 35c; balcony 25c; box seats, which may be reserved by phoning Miss Pierce, Phone 351, 50c. Reserved seats will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday at City Drug Store, and on Friday afternoon at the Royal box office.

BLISS NATIVE OIL THE FAMILY AND FARM LINIMENT

A crick in the back, a bruised finger, MUSCULAR PAINS, or any soreness caused by over exertion, strenuous exercise, or exposure to inclement weather quickly yield to the application of BLISS NATIVE OIL—the family liniment. Does not blister or stain. A splendid aid in the treatment of RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA, NEURALGIA, TOOTHACHE. Made by The Alonzo O. Bliss Medical Company, Washington, D. C.
Price 50c and 25c per bottle.

CRIMINAL DOCKET CALLED IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY

TWO CASES WERE DISPOSED OF AND ANOTHER IS ON TRIAL.

Five Cases Against Agustin Cano, Three for Robbery, Are Set For Trial on Next Thursday.

The trial of the criminal docket in district court was taken up before a jury in district court this morning and the cases set for trial will be called and disposed of in that order. This morning the following cases were called, tried and disposed of: Ignacio Reyes, theft under \$50, tried and convicted and given six months in the county jail.

Refugio Tijerina, charged with unlawfully carrying arms, entered a plea of guilty, was fined \$100 and costs and paid same.

The case of Francisco Reyes and Concepcion Magayanes, charged jointly with violation of the liquor laws, was on trial before the court at noon today.

The cases against Agustin Cano, the former Carranza military captain, who was arrested on a charge of holding up Mexican laborers and robbing them, and who was indicted on five counts by the grand jury, including three for robbery, are set for trial on May 20. Three of the cases against Cano carry the extreme penalty of a life term.

NOTICE.

Bids will be received at this office in Laredo, Texas, until June 15th, 1920, for handling the U. S. Mail for the Texas Mexican Ry. Co. at Laredo, Texas, between the Post Office and the International & Great Northern R. R. passenger depot for one year beginning July 1st, 1920.

S. W. DeWOLF,
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
5-6-30t.

JUAN V. BENAVIDES IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION AT HOME

Justice of the Peace and Well Known Laredo Man is at the Point of Death as Result of Pneumonia.

Justice of the Peace Juan V. Benavides, a native of Laredo, aged about 65 years, and who is well known to all residents of this city, is critically ill at his home opposite the city hall on Flores street. At 2 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Benavides was sinking fast and little hope of his recovery was held out by the physicians attending his bedside. Mr. Benavides was stricken with pneumonia on last Thursday night.

22 CARLOADS ON SATURDAY AND ONLY ONE LAST NIGHT

Total Shipments of Onions Out of Laredo Now Aggregate 1,188 Carloads; Shipments Decreasing.

Shipments of Bermuda onions out of the Laredo section are fast decreasing and it is not believed that there will be many more carloads rolling from here—not over 100 carloads more.

Twenty-two carloads of onions rolled out of here Saturday night and only one rolled Sunday night, making a grand total of 1,188 carloads to date.

Call For Meeting.

All stockholders of Laredo in the Ranger and Burkhardt Oil Co. are invited to attend a meeting that will be held in the offices of Brennan & Leonard on Wednesday evening, May 19, 1920, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the report of Mr. Brennan on the recent general meeting of stockholders held in Houston.

Left for Sonora on Business.

Arturo de Saracho, recently named commercial agent (consul) of the new Sonora government at Laredo, left here on Saturday night's train for Sonora, where he goes on an official business mission. During the absence of Mr. de Saracho the office of commercial agent here is in charge of Eduardo Idar, the assistant commercial agent (vice consul) until his return.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight fair; somewhat warmer. Tuesday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 71 degs.
Min. temp. 54 degs.
General direction of wind: East.
Cloudy.

TIMES WANT ADS.
Money Makers

LOCAL NEWS

CLASSES IN ENGLISH.—717 Lincoln street. J. E. Fowler.

5-17-tf.
—The regular quarterly session of the commissioners' court of Webb county adjourned on Saturday afternoon to meet again in special session on next Thursday, when the committee of citizens appointed at the special meeting held on last Thursday night will make their report.

5-15-tf.
—A full line of Samson Plows. Crumpler Sales Co.

5-15-tf.
—Don't pay too much. Pappas serves the best quality soft drinks at before-the-war prices. Phosphates, all kinds, and Coca-Cola, 5c. Ice cream, 10c; sundaes, 15c. 5-12-5t.

5-15-tf.
—The regular session of the probate court of Webb county was called to order this morning by County Judge Winslow and will remain in session during the remainder of the week. Up to noon today very little business had been transacted in the probate court.

5-12-tf.
—International Realty Co. of Laredo, 611 Flores avenue. We will buy, sell or exchange real estate or personal property, or act as trustee May 20. Three of the cases against Cano carry the extreme penalty of a life term.

5-11-tf.
—New lot of Gossard corsets and brassieres just in. Miss M. Sallee, 1209 Lincoln street.

5-11-tf.
—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Viviano Reyna and Miss Petra Prado.

5-15-tf.
—We have a complete line of Farm Tractors and Plows on hand. Crumpler Sales Co.

5-15-tf.
—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-tf.

5-15-tf.
—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo on Saturday afternoon: One carload of ore and one carload of bones.

6-20-tf.
—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

4-24-tf.
—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

5-15-tf.
—Work on the pontoon bridge across the Rio Grande between the two Laredos is progressing nicely and it is expected that the bridge in its entirety will be completed this week, weather permitting, so that the temporary structure can be opened to traffic by next Sunday.

5-15-tf.
—Just ask your friend who has a Samson. Then call us. Crumpler Sales Co.

6-15-tf.
—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 302.

4-16-tf.
—All trains arriving in Laredo over the I. & G. N. and Texas-Mexican railroads these days bring hundreds of Mexicans from various portions of the country who are returning to their homes after being practically exiled from their country during the Carranza administration.

4-27-tf.
—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

1-2-tf.
—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials.

GREAT FEATURE PLAY HERE ATTRACTS CROWD TO ROYAL

Laredo's Most Popular Playhouse Has a Feature Play on That Meets the Best That All Require.

The Royal Theater, which is Laredo's most spacious, costly and by far the best movie show here, has on a feature play for its patrons that far surpasses anything offered in Laredo in a long time, and the crowds which thronged the Royal last night will speak well for the picture and result in another full house at every performance this evening. The play is "The Gift Supreme," with an all-star cast, including Bernard Durning, who won fame as an actor in "When Bessie Went Dry;" Melbourne McDowell, Seena Owen, Eugenie Besserer, Lon Chaney and Tully Marshall, each a star in their own class.

The story is one that touches the heart chords and there are many situations in the play that are brought out strongly by the all-star cast. The climax shows the "Gift Supreme" when a noble and good woman gives her own life blood by transfusion to save the life of the man she loves. Go to the Royal and see this great play tonight and you like the great critics of the country, will agree that it is a play of the best produced in moving pictures.

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HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL OUT AND CREDITABLE EDITION

"La Pitahaya," Issued By the Graduating Class of 1920 of L. H. S. Reflects Credit on School.

"La Pitahaya," the annual of the Laredo High School, issued by the graduating class of 1920, has been issued, the beautifully illustrated and creditable booklet being a product of The Laredo Times job department. "La Pitahaya" is issued by the editorial and advertising staff of the Laredo High School, contains a number of beautiful half-tone engravings, etchings and much reading matter, jokes, etc., while the liberal advertising patronage accorded by the Laredo business house denotes the fact that the commercial interests of Laredo are heart and soul with their educational institution. "La Pitahaya" is being sold at \$1.25 per copy and contains 96 pages. They can be obtained from V. L. Puig, Jr., phone 169.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

MAY 17.
1642—Rounding of Ville-Marie, now the city of Montreal.
1741—John Penn, a North Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence, born in Carolina County, Va. Died in Granville County, M. C. in 1788.
1820—"Virgilius," by James Sheridan Knowles, was first presented at Covent Garden Theatre, London.
1841—About 30 lives lost in a landslide in the city of Quebec.
1849—Fire in St. Louis destroyed a large section of the city, together with twenty-three steamboats and their cargoes.
1902—King Alfonso XIII of Spain was invested with the Order of the Garter by the Duke of Connaught.
1912—The National Socialist Convention at Indianapolis nominated Eugene V. Debs for President.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

MAY 17.
His Majesty Alfonso XIII, King of Spain, born in the royal palace of Madrid, 34 years ago today.
Sir Ronald Ross, a world-famous authority on malarial diseases, born 63 years ago today.
Schuyler Skaans Wheeler, noted electrical engineer and inventor, born in New York, 60 years ago today.
Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, of the M. E. Church, South, born at Fayette, Mo., 73 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Norwegian Independence Day.
King Alfonso of Spain today enters upon his 35th year.
John M. Parker is to take office today as Governor of Louisiana.
Governor A. E. Smith of New York is to hold a public hearing on the day-light saving repeal bill.
Colorado Democrats meet in State convention at Denver today to select delegates to the national convention.
Washington's fourteen delegates to the Democratic national convention will be chosen at a State convention in Spokane today.
A call has been issued for a meeting of publishers in Washington today for the purpose of forming a league to cope with the paper situation.

Decisions in the Prohibition test cases may be handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States when it reconvenes today after a two weeks' recess.
At New York today the Interstate Commerce Commission will begin a series of public hearings on the application of the express companies for increased rates.

The National Association of Manufacturers, which for a quarter of a century has sponsored many of the great subjects which concern the United States, will begin its silver jubilee convention in New York City today.

To show the special advantages of highway freight transportation, all parts of the United States and Canada are to observe the week beginning today as Ship-by-Truck Week.

Keep the little ones healthy and happy. Their tender, sensitive bodies require a cooling, healing, harmless remedy to prepare their stomachs for summer's heat. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is reliable and safe, thoro but not injurious. 35c. Herrera's Pharmacy.

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From Tuesday's Daily.

PUBLIC FUNDS.

The proposition of the Southern Baptist convention for an amendment to the federal constitution to prohibit the use of public funds for the support of sectarian institutions at first sight seems reasonable.

No public funds should be used for the teaching of sectarian doctrines, it is true, but the word "institutions" is of wide application. Scattered throughout the country are hospitals of various sects and denominations that give their services to the public without distinction of creed, and while most of them charge the patients who are able to pay for their treatment, they all do a great deal of charity work.

Among the various denominations that are doing this noble work are the Roman Catholics, the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians. The proposed amendment would prevent any support from public funds of these institutions. The other day the same convention voted a million and a half dollars for the construction and maintenance of a big hospital in New Orleans, and it seems impossible to conduct such institution entirely from church funds.

In various parts of the country are schools maintained by various church organizations, in which there is little denominational teaching. Some of the schools bear directly upon public service, training nurses, teaching manual training and even some of the higher branches of mechanical engineering.

To take away from those schools all public support would be to insure the failure of some of them, although they do not limit their teaching to members of their own communion.

It may be that the Baptist church is rich enough to support all its own institutions, but if so it is the only religious organization in the world so situated. For every other religious sect or creed in this country has had to ask for outside aid, even appealing to the federal government for support of some of their institutions which are conducted for the good of the public.

It is true that some of the various denominations have been somewhat greedy in their appeals for government aid, but that does not need so sweeping an amendment to handle. Some of the government schools were taught by members of religious orders until an order went out from Washington stopping the practice, especially in the Indian schools.

Our country is usually called a Christian country, although nothing could be further from the truth. It is estimated that less than half our inhabitants are members of any Christian denomination, while we have many Jews, some Mohammedans and many frankly pagans, or at least non-believers in any religious creed.

Our laws declare that every resident shall have the right to the free exercise of his religious beliefs and practices so long as they are not in opposition to public morals and do not inure others.

It is impossible for our government to take sides in any religious controversy, and none of our public funds may be used for the support of a religious denomination. So the comparatively small amount that is spent in aid of public institutions which are conducted for the relief or the betterment of humanity should not be begrudged by anyone.

It must be remembered that the Jews of the country have always been foremost in answering the call for aid of any religious organization, and that they do not hesitate because of the creed which is opposed to their own to give generously in support of denominational orphan asylums, hospitals, schools and everything that can aid those who are in need of aid.

Those who subscribe to the Christian faith should do as much for the support of other Christian institutions as do the Jews. And if the federal, state or municipal government see fit to give a modicum of support to any denominational institution, there should be no complaint. There is hardly any institution which would ask of the government any support for a purely sectarian institution devoted to the teachings of that sect. It would be useless, as well as ridiculous, for the government may not aid one denomination or religious communion and not all others.

PRUSSIANIZE THE NAVY.

There are always two sides to a controversy, and Secretary Daniels' charges that certain officers of the navy wished to do away with civilian control and "Prussianize" the navy department are answerable by the aforesaid officers by a statement that the less civilian control the navy has had the more efficient it has been.

It must be understood that the reason for the civilian control of the navy was insisted upon when our government was first formed because of the fear that the navy, like the army, might some day through force of arms subvert and overthrow the government, and because the jealousies among the various navy officers were one of their number to be chosen as chief of the navy department might lead to serious results.

It should be also understood that the civilian control of the navy department is mainly administrative and that it should not in any wise interfere with the efficiency of the service by interposing orders that might

conflict with those of the various fleet and squadron commanders.

At various times in our history the secretary of the navy has caused envy and heartburning by using his office as a political club, and the resultant promotions have not added to efficiency.

The president of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the government. The secretary of the navy, ostensibly the head of the navy department, is only a subordinate of the president, and can be removed at the president's pleasure. And he cannot do anything in the conduct of the navy department that is not acceptable to his superior.

The officers of the navy are not subject to removal from their office except for cause. Until they reach the age of 62 years or become disabled by reason of wounds or sickness they are a part of the navy, and can only be asked to resign for reasons which would be acceptable to the public.

The antagonism between the officers of the navy, a highly and technically trained group of men, and the secretary of the navy, usually appointed as a reward for political services, is natural. A wise secretary will not further antagonize the men who are serving under his orders by needless and impractical orders. He will seek to make their service as effective as he can by leaving purely technical matters in their hands, and will busy himself solely with the administrative duties that naturally fall to him.

From the day that Secretary Daniels was appointed he proceeded to make rulings and executive orders that were an absolute innovation. It was due to his orders that wines and liquors were barred from warships and navy yards. This was the first blow at the old traditions, and he followed it up by making several other rulings that were considered nonsensical by the naval officers.

Anyone who has ever been aboard a vessel—and many who have not—understand that "right" and "left" would be impossible as points of departure on shipboard. The navy, as well as the merchant marine, for centuries past has had the distinguishing words of "port" and "starboard" to indicate the directions aboardship. To the left when facing the bow of a vessel is "port" and to the right when facing in the same direction is "starboard." It is easily understood that orders until an order went out from Washington stopping the practice, "right" and "left" would be absolutely the reverse of what they meant when facing in the other direction. And the changes of position would mean confusion.

But Secretary Daniels ordered that the old words port and starboard should be changed to right and left, declaring that the old words were obsolete and archaic. He might easily have ordered that "alot" and "alot" be substituted by above and below, but his nonsensical ruling was not only resented, it was laughed at, something which he never forgave.

Mr. Daniels is not the first secretary of the navy who has had controversies with the technically trained officers of the navy, and it is to be regretted that probably he will not be the last.

BIG ATTRACTION AT ROYAL WITH TOM MIX AS THE STAR

Great Master of Horseplay Will Provide a Picture Tonight and Tomorrow Filled With Thrills.

The motto of Manager Leo M. Valdez of the Royal Theater, "nothing too good or expensive for my patrons, who are the best people in Laredo," will again be demonstrated when he presents Tom Mix today and tomorrow in the great feature play, "The Daredevil," a picture filled with thrills.

This intensely thrilling photoplay promises to be something new, for Mix is giving the public his idea of what a fast moving, rapid-fire, sure-footed story of the West is, and how he believes real Westerners would interpret it.

As in all Tom Mix productions, many thrilling and hazardous deeds of daring are performed by the author-director-actor and his supporting company.

Mix rides through water falls into the cave of the bandits, jumps from his horse to a train moving at the rate of thirty miles an hour, rescues his sweetheart by swinging her from the train to the back of his faithful horse, and introduces some novel rope-throwing features.

As usual, the star is superbly supported by a capable cast, which includes Eva Novak, Charles K. French, L. C. Shumway, Sid Jordan, Lucille Young and George Hernandez.

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OBREGON AND HIS CAREER.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—General Alvaro Obregon, the man of the hour in Mexico, has the reputation of being one of the ablest military leaders Mexico has produced in many years. His most noted military achievement was the decisive defeat of Villa at Celaya in April, 1915, at which battle he lost his right arm. The defeat at Celaya was a smashing blow to the Villistas whose operations since that time have never risen above the level of guerilla warfare.

Alvaro Obregon was born in Siquiliva, in the State of Sonora, February 19, 1880, but the family was formerly from Alamos, in the southern part of the same State. In his youth young Obregon devoted himself to the varied activities of farm life. He had studied in the common schools, as the family resources prevented him from attending the university in the City of Mexico.

As a lad he displayed an extraordinary fondness for music, but his genius adapted itself even more to mechanics, and he spent much of his time mending old firearms that had lain around for ages and whose use, had there been any, was for protection against bandits. He became so expert that later he was able to construct a gun of quite modern mechanism.

A remarkable trait, one which his intimate friends are able to confirm, is that Obregon had always felt and probably still retains a strong antipathy to militarism as a profession. After beginning his own military career he manifested his contempt for the outward pomp of the professional soldier. As head of the Mexican army he dressed with simplicity, and his campaign uniform differed little from that worn by his soldiers.

After working several years as a young man Obregon was able to establish his own household. He purchased a not very extensive estate, which he called in Spanish La Quinta Chilla, which translated into English means "the last stage of bankruptcy."

Thus did Alvaro Obregon work peacefully until the commencement of the Mexican revolution. The Maderista propaganda, which extended to Sonora, appealed to a large number of the dispossessed, but did not move him in his isolation. In fact Obregon did not leave his home until a practical objective came to draw him from his domestic duties. He took arms to defend property. When the Orozco hands passed through Sonora with torch and sword, Obregon collected, at his own expense, a handful of volunteers, mostly from the tribe of Maya Indians, located in his neighborhood, and did not rest until the bandits had fled over the frontiers of his State.

Then he withdrew again to his own property, thinking that he might discharge his men, instead of joining one of the many corps of irregulars organizing to fight the Federal troops. But when he was in Hermosillo he received the news of the murder of Madero in Mexico City. The treason of Huerta wounded his sentiments of loyalty, carrying him bodily to the hazardous life of the revolution.

Like Villa, Obregon had served under Huerta the period of Orozco's treason, but unlike Villa, he began to cooperate in the campaign of 1913 without any preparation. He started his own personal tactics, which at the end proved to be the best, inasmuch as he never once suffered defeat, and in the competitive campaign with Villa and Gonzales toward the south, Obregon was first in arriving at the goal—the Federal capital.

Obregon's success over Villa led to his appointment as Minister of War by President Carranza and for several years he was regarded as the strong man of the Carranza administration. More than a year ago, however, reports became current of friction between the War Minister and the President, and ultimately General Obregon announced his candidacy for the presidency.

TO CONTROL IRELAND



General Macready, commissioner of police, it is understood, has been designated to take over the military control of Ireland with vastly increased forces at his disposal.

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SEEKING MICHAEL H. BASS WHO LEFT CHICAGO IN 1911

Appealing Letter From His Father, B. Bass, Received by Mayor Leopoldo Villegas Yesterday.

The following appealing letter, probably from an old father who is in the valley of the shadow and longs for his boy, was received by Mayor Leopoldo Villegas yesterday and is self-explanatory:

"Apartment 21, 172 Sherman Ave., New York, N. Y., May 10, 1920. "Honorable Sir:—I beg of you to have published in your city's newspapers the following:

"My son Michael H. Bass, age 26, left me in Chicago, Ill., in the year of 1911, since which time the last word I had from him was a few weeks after his departure, in the City of Toronto, Canada.

"My response to this letter was never delivered, the same was returned to me, and since then his whereabouts have been a mystery.

"I have lately been informed that he, settled down in your city, and it is in feverish hopes that he will read this, that I entreat of you, to please print in your paper conspicuously the following plea:

"Michael, my boy, write to me, for God's sake do before it is too late." B. BASS."

Anyone in Laredo knowing the whereabouts of Michael H. Bass, aged about 35 years, are urged to advise The Times office of the fact.

IT IS SERIOUS

Some Laredo People Fail to Realize the Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, The weariness, the tired feeling, The pains and aches of kidney ills May result seriously if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles often follow.

A Laredo citizen shows you what to do.

J. C. Stein, barber, 4620 Lincoln St., says: "Some time ago I came down with a severe backache. It hurt me to stoop over or to straighten up. My kidneys acted too frequently and I was compelled to arise often at night. I heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended so I bought some and started using them. I used about two boxes and they entirely removed the trouble. I haven't been bothered since. I gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Stein had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

DISPOSING CRIMINAL DOCKET SEVERAL CONVICTIONS HAD

Cases as Set on the Docket Are Being Called and Disposed of in Order in Which They Are Set.

In the district court yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Francisco Reyes and Concepcion Magayanes, charged with violation of the liquor laws, brought in a verdict assessing the punishment of each of the defendants at one year in the state penitentiary.

This morning the following business was disposed of: Victorio Medellin, charged with selling intoxicating liquors was found guilty and given one year in the penitentiary.

Julian Garza, charged with aggravated assault was found guilty and fined \$25.00.

At noon the court adjourned for the balance of the day out of respect to the late Justice of the Peace Juan V. Benavides, who passed away this morning.

NOTICE.

Bids will be received at this office in Laredo, Texas, until June 15th, 1920, for handling the U. S. Mail for the Texas Mexican Ry. Co. at Laredo, Texas, between the Post Office and the International & Great Northern R. R. passenger depot for one year beginning July 1st, 1920.

S. W. DeWOLF, Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr. 5-6-20.

Cupid is Busy in Laredo.

Judging from the number of marriage licenses issued by the county clerk in this city yesterday, Dan Cupid is very busy at this time. The following marriage licenses have been issued since last report: Travis Bruce Bunn and Mrs. Adelaide Gehardt Macdonald, Victor Medina and Miss Alejandra Gonzales, Agustin Fonseca and Miss Guadalupe Arreaga, James William Street and Miss Rebecca Trevino, Jose Reyes and Miss Edwige Valdez, Juan Hernandez and Miss Paula Martinez, Manuel Valdez and Miss Elena Gomez, Candelario Hinojosa and Miss Paula Gonzalez.

\$100.00 Reward

Will be paid to anyone finding or proving that we use any artificial coloring in our establishment. Nothing but pure butter used in our cakes and pastries. Try some of our home baked ham, veal loaf and all kinds of roast and cooked meat, sausages, cheese, mayonnaise salad, potato chips, fresh butter and eggs. When you are hungry call us up. Phone 841. Kennedy Delicatessen and Bakery at "Reed's Drugstore." 5-13-20.

AMERICANS BRING DETAILS OCCUPATION MEXICO CITY

Estimate Crowd That Gave Demonstration in Favor of Obregon and Forces at From 300,000 to 400,000.

Americans arriving here yesterday from Mexico City brought the first details of incidents during and following the occupation of the Mexican capital by the forces of General Alvaro Obregon, who is now in command of that place. The Americans brought photographs showing the great demonstrations by masses of humanity who gathered to welcome Obregon and his adherents, they being welcomed by a crowd variously estimated at from 300,000 to 400,000 persons. A veritable sea of humanity gathered in the vicinity of the national palace, extended to the St. Francis Hotel, where Obregon made his headquarters, to the Paseo de la Reforma and to a distance three miles miles from the center of the city.

Among those welcoming Obregon and his forces was General Pablo Gonzalez, who was in command of the national capital up to that time, and who was one of the first to personally greet the leader of the revolutionary faction. Others to greet Obregon were General Benjamin Hill, organizer of the revolutionary movement; General Maycotte, General Elizondo, a former rough rider in Theodore Roosevelt's command that charged up San Juan Hill in Cuba; and others. General Obregon, with Benito Ramirez, his chief of staff and other officers and men, were given a grand ovation as they marched through the sea of humanity that jammed the thoroughfares and public places and the acclamations of "Viva Obregon" could be heard miles away. After the entry of the triumphant revolutionary party and some incidental festivities quiet was restored and Mexico City became orderly and law-abiding and everybody was pleased with the new order of things.

Garner Hill, Gladstone, N. J., Sells Rat-Snap, He Says.

"I tell and use RAT-SNAP. Like to look any man in the face and tell it's the best. It's good." People like RAT-SNAP because it "does" kill rats. Petrifies carcasses—leaves no smell. Comes in cakes—no mixing to do. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by A. Deutz & Brother, City Drug Co. and Sanitary Grocery.

In the Probate Court.

Yesterday the following business was taken up and disposed of in the probate court which was convened in the matter of the estate of Margarito Rojas, Jr., a minor; Margarito Rojas was appointed permanent guardian of the estate of his son.

"We Picked Up Seven Large Dead Rats First Morning Using Rat-Snap."

So writes Mr. B. P. Carpenter, Woodbridge, N. J. "We lost 18 small chicks one night, killed by rats. Bought some RAT-SNAP and picked up 7 large dead rats next morning and in 2 weeks didn't see a single rat. RAT-SNAP is good and sure." Comes in cake ready for use. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by A. Deutz & Brother, City Drug Co. and Sanitary Grocery.

Call For Meeting.

All stockholders of Laredo in the Ranger and Burkhardt Oil Co. are invited to attend a meeting that will be held in the offices of Brennan & Leonard on Wednesday evening, May 19, 1920, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the report of Mr. Brennan on the recent general meeting of stockholders held in Houston.

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture. I sent and bought Theodor's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, and he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Theodor's Black-Draught."

Theodor's Black-Draught will help you to keep fit, ready for the day's work. Try it! NC-131

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JUAN V. BENAVIDES DEAD FROM PNEUMONIA ATTACK

Was a Native of Laredo, Son of a Confederate General and Justice of Peace at Time of His Death.

Juan V. Benavides, justice of the peace of precinct No. 1, place No. 1, Webb county, and who was born in this city in 1855, died at the old Sanitas Benavides home opposite the city hall this morning at 10:10 o'clock, succumbing to an attack of pneumonia, with which he was stricken on last Thursday.

Deceased, who was 65 years of age, was a son of the late General Santos Benavides, one of the Confederate officers during the civil war, and was known to all as a generous, whole-souled man who never turned his back on an appeal for aid from a deserving one. In his boyhood days Juan V. Benavides attended the public schools of Monterey, and from there went to Mobile, Ala., where he attended school for a number of years before entering Washington-Lee University in Virginia, where he graduated from the law course in 1876. After receiving his legal education he returned to Laredo and practiced his profession for a number of years. He served several terms as county attorney and then became justice of the peace of place No. 1, precinct No. 1, Webb county, which position he held at the time of his death.

His beloved wife preceded him to the grave on February 14, 1915, and he leaves no children, brothers or sisters, but is related to a number of the prominent families of Laredo. The funeral will be held from the old family home to San Agustin church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, with interment in the city cemetery by the side of the good wife who had preceded him to the grave several years ago.

For Sale Cheap

One Cadillac, 8-cylinder, 7-passenger. One Chandler, 6-cylinder, 7-passenger. One Chandler Speedster, 4-passenger. One new Studebaker, 4-cylinder 5-passenger. One Ford, 5-passenger.

CRUMPLER SALES CO. Phone 1120.

WAS ADJUDICATED INSANE AND BE SENT TO THE ASYLUM

Manuel Samaniego, Charged With Murder of His Daughter and Attempt to Kill Another is Insane.

Manuel Samaniego, who was indicted by the grand jury charged with the murder of his daughter, Manuela, in this city last month, and who wounded a man when he was captured and made prisoner, will be sent to the insane asylum and not be tried on the charge of murder.

Yesterday in county court, Judge Winslow presiding, Samaniego was tried before a jury to determine his mental status, and after examining into the case the jury arrived at a verdict that Samaniego was insane and decreed that application be made for his admission to the insane asylum, and this will be done at once. The jury sitting in the case was composed of M. W. Brennan, Gonzalo P. Farias, Roy Campbell, M. S. Ryan, Frank Nye and Charles E. Richter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; somewhat warmer.

Wednesday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 76 degs.

Min. temp. 64 degs.

General direction of wind: Southeast.

Cloudy.



—The county offices will be closed tomorrow during the funeral of Juan V. Benavides, former county attorney and who was serving as justice of the peace, with offices at the county courthouse, at the time of his death.

—Indications throughout yesterday and last night were favorable for more rain, but today there was a rift in the clouds and the prospects appear to have gone glimmering. However, the clouds are still hanging around and there may be some more moisture before the clear, blue sky shows up again.

—The importations through the port of Laredo from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of 453 head of cattle for Keeran & Practos. The cattle were shipped out over the I. & G. N. railroad last night.

—The exodus of Mexican citizens from this country to Mexico just now is very heavy, this representing in most instance residents of that country who were compelled to come to the United States for safety during the time of Carranza in Mexico, but as he has not taken to the tall timbers the people feel safe in returning to their native land.

—Train service in and out of Nuevo Laredo is operating on schedule time. Every incoming train from the southward carries a large passenger list, while the trains leaving Nuevo Laredo for the southward are full of Mexican citizens going back to Mexico to take up their residence again.

CLIFF DWELLERS.

By Associated Press.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 18.—That the civilization of the cliff dwellers of the Mesa Verde and Rio Grande countries of New Mexico had much in common is the conclusion of J. A. Jeacon of this city, who recently completed a search of the dwellings of this prehistoric people.

Mr. Jeacon took to the National Museum at Washington 24 large packing cases of relics to back up his theories regarding the cliff dwellers and obtained a commission from the bureau of ethnology for further research work in the Indian mounds.

"We obtained many specimens of pottery," Mr. Jeacon said, "some of which are believed to be the very oldest specimens from pre-Columbian peoples in America. They were of crude, undecorated sandy paste. I have 69 complete vessels."

The research work also is believed to have shown how the cliff dwellers constructed their homes, Mr. Jeacon said.

"It had been supposed that the material for the adobe structures was placed in a mold made by placing boards on either side, but on investigation we found this not to be the case at all. It was evident after inspection had been made that the material had been put in place in a haphazard at a time, and for foundation, boulders were used, set on end."

Mr. Jeacon declared that some of the buildings apparently had been used for many years. Smoke blackened crevices left their tale. The buildings also had been plastered on the inside from 17 to 23 times.

The investigator declared that he had only begun the work in New Mexico. He worked a short distance from the town of Abiqua, 100 miles north and west of Santa Fe. He said there are 300 to 400 additional mounds to be explored and that the dwellings were found buried two to six feet under ground.

CRIME AMONG CHILDREN

By Associated Press.

Green Bay Wis., May 18.—"Crime among children in Wisconsin is increasing and parents, in my mind, are in a great measure responsible for this condition," said G. F. Harris, president of the state board of control at a meeting of the board at the state reformatory here.

Mr. Harris said that investigation of a number of cases that came before the board have shown that children who were inmates of industrial schools, house of correction and the reformatory were not to blame in a majority of the cases.

"If parents would keep an eye on their children and make companions of them instead of telling them to run along and play, there would be less need for industrial schools and reformatories," he said. "A large number of parents in these modern times do not see their children from one week to another, and then only for a short time. If home life is not made pleasant for them they will seek diversion outside the home and that nearly always leads to ruin," Mr. Harris declared.

Only 4 or 5 per cent of youths who leave the reformatory violate their pledges to remain straight, according to Mr. Harris. Since the state board of control was organized August 1, 1907, until March 1, 1920, 1,233 prisoners have been paroled and only 135 of that number were returned.

"This," said Mr. Harris, "is the lowest per cent of violations of any state in the union, according to statistics—two white, a green, and a purple."

OLD TIME CONVENTION.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, May 19.—The convening of the Republicans in Chicago, June 6 to nominate a candidate for President recalls afresh at this time the Republican convention opening here 60 years ago which nominated Abraham Lincoln. This was the second national Republican convention and the first of the many which have since been held in Chicago.

The convention assembled on May 16, 1860, and Lincoln was nominated on May 19, the third and last day. After his election feeling aroused by the slavery issue ran quickly into civil war.

Relics of the campaign of 1860, including the oil painting of the "rail splitter," are preserved by the Chicago Historical Society. E. E. Wood, field secretary of the society, has just prepared what he regards as the most complete account of the events of the convention of 60 years ago. In this he calls attention to Addison G. Proctor, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who, Mr. Wood believes, is the only surviving delegate of the convention.

Chicago in 1860 was a promising city of 110,000 not quite 25 years old. It had won the convention by the offer to build the largest assembly hall in the country and fill it at every session. Accordingly the "Wigwam" arose at the southwest corner of Lake and Market streets, occupying a space 100 by 180 feet. It was a temporary wooden structure costing a little over the estimated \$5,000. The balance was made up by charging 25 cents admission on its formal opening the Saturday before the convention.

Few Republican conventions, if any, have been so charged with excitement or had so spectacular an ending. Lincoln's prospects appeared small enough before the convention opened. The favorite was William H. Seward, Senator from New York. He had a great asset in the ability of Thurlow Weed, who prosecuted his campaign among the delegates. He suffered a handicap in the determined opposition of Horace Greeley, the famous New York editor, who had no candidate of his own but refused to have Seward. Both Greeley and Weed were early on the ground and according to Mr. Wood's review, the centers of interest. He notes, however, that other, and non-political attractions, were numerous, among them being Zouaves, circus band, minstrels, and such well-known theatrical pieces of the day as "Lucretia Borgia" and "The Hidden Hand."

The slavery issue came up quickly on the first day of the convention, when David Wilmot of Pennsylvania on taking the chair as temporary chairman made a ten-minute anti-slavery speech. "No extension of slavery" became an essential part of the platform next day.

In view of the many days now spent in hearing delegate contests, this convention of 60 years ago offered something novel. There were no contested delegates. There were, however, some "contesting" states. Whether to admit Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Texas, was a question that occupied most of the first day and was still undecided when adjournment came for the day.

The next day the convention decided to admit the "border states." The platform committee then brought in its report. It was amended to include a reassertion of the "self evident truths" of the Constitution. At adjournment little remained beyond choosing the candidate, and Mr. Wood characterizes that night as a tumultuous one filled with band music and processions until almost day. Enthusiasm for Seward, well worked up in his behalf, was at high tide. Greeley telegraphed his paper that Seward's nomination appeared certain. Incidentally, remarks Mr. Wood, this convention was the first at which the telegraph was employed.

How Lincoln came into the nomination is now for many a familiar story. Seward led on the first ballot 173½ with Lincoln next best at 102, and 233 necessary for choice. A few more votes came to Seward on the second ballot, bringing his total to 184½, while Lincoln jumped to close quarters with 181. The taking of the third ballot showed Lincoln going strongly to the front.

As the figures were being compiled, D. K. Cartter (correct) of Cleveland, O., counting them up for himself, found that Lincoln needed only a few votes to win. The tabulation in fact at that moment was 231½ for Lincoln and 180 for Seward, with 233 necessary for the nomination. Instantly Cartter was on his feet to announce the transfer of four Ohio votes from Chase to Lincoln.

The convention quickly broke into a scene of enthusiasm with few parallels in the long list of American political conventions. Further votes were changed to bring Lincoln's total to 354. The nomination was then made unanimous.

CONFISCATE MONASTERIES.

By Associated Press.

Moscow, April 28.—A wireless message states that in Novgorod government part of the land which belonged to monasteries has been confiscated and transferred to the section of public education. All the monasterial buildings, except the churches, have been converted into colonies and trade schools for children.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Mussett at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. E. H. Buenz will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon honoring Mrs. Hal Greer. The Juniors of the Laredo High School will entertain with a banquet at the Metropolitan in honor of the graduating class, in the evening at 9 o'clock.

Miss Josephine Smith will entertain at 8:15 o'clock at 1419 Washington street in honor of the members of her algebra and science classes.

Thursday.

Mrs. Keller of Fort McIntosh will entertain at Auction Bridge at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. S. J. Sorrell at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The four Circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet as follows: Circle A with Mrs. Phillips at the post at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; Circle B with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; Circle C will meet as usual; Circle D will meet with Mrs. J. M. Sallee at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Miss Carmelita Gil returned to San Antonio this morning after a short visit here to relatives and friends.

Mr. Hal Irby Greer returned yesterday from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will remain on a visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. Hal W. Greer until their departure for Beaumont to make their future home.

Mrs. J. A. Burnett leaves on Friday night for Bryan, Texas, to attend the graduation exercises of her son, Howell. Mr. Burnett graduates in mechanical engineering and goes immediately to Detroit, Michigan, for study in automobile work.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, Order of the Eastern Star held its annual election of officers last night. After the appointive chairs have been filled a full list of the names of both elective and appointive will be published.

Mr. Daniel Pue and family have moved their residence from the Heights to No. 1512 Farragut street.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. J. Sorrell.

Col. and Mrs. F. L. Winn have moved their residence at Fort McIntosh from Quarters No. 34 to No. 9. Quarters No. 9 are the quarters formerly occupied by Colonel Buck and family.

Mr. Elwood Reynolds, after short stay in Laredo with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Lynch, left last night for Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. J. A. McDonald left yesterday morning for San Antonio for a several days' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Higgins and children, who have been the guests of Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer left today for Sulphur, La., and from there will go on to Beaumont to make their future home.

Miss Lucille Nunally who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Butler, has returned to her home in San Antonio. She was accompanied by Mrs. Butler and baby, who will also visit relatives in Groesbeck before returning home.

Mr. James Greer left today for Vernon, Texas, where he is practicing law, after a short visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer.

Mrs. Robert Essing and baby left last Friday for Eagle Pass to visit relatives for a month.

Miss Eloisa Cardenas, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Bernardino Cardenas, will leave today for Tampico, Mexico, to visit their sisters, Mrs. Julius Kunkel and Mrs. A. H. Magdon. Miss Cardenas will be away all summer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner and children left last night for their summer home in New Martinsville, West Virginia.

Announcements.

The pupils of Mrs. Flora Dilgard Anderson will appear in a musical program next Tuesday evening at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Applewhite on the Heights.

The dance at the Woman's Club this

week will be on Thursday night instead of Friday, because of the commencement exercises.

Married in San Antonio.

Miss Maria Elizondo of Saltillo, Mexico, and Mr. Frank Putegnati of Brownsville, were quietly married in San Antonio on last Monday and arrived in Laredo this morning for a short visit. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Vidaurri. Mrs. Putegnati and Mrs. Vidaurri are sisters.

Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary held its regular weekly meeting yesterday at the Rectory under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Cook. A time was devoted to working on the cards and scrap book, after which the service was given in the church. The story was a continuation of the child marriages and girl widows of India. Mr. Cook told the children something about the religious belief and customs of the people of that country. Those present at the meeting were Nellie and Jamie Ward, Charline, Elizabeth and Miles Nye, Anne McKinney, George, Horace, Bobby and Elinor Kehl, Jane Mary Ward, Marjorie Fish, Mary and Ralph Cook and Ethel Puster.

Honoring Miss Virginia Penn.

Mrs. M. B. Mowry entertained with a charming dancing party last night complimenting the graduating class of the Laredo High School and a number of guests in honor of Miss Virginia Penn. The floral decorations were effectively expressed in quantities of pink roses in the living room, pink carnations and daisies in the dining room, and dainty spikes of lavender larkspur, maiden hair fern and white roses in the library. Dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening and at eleven o'clock a delicious ice course and cake was served; punch was also served during the hours of dancing. Those enjoying the delightful hospitality of the evening were the honoree, Miss Virginia Penn, and the members of the graduating class, Misses Laura Taylor, Amalia Ochoa, Jesusa Gonzalez, Julia McVicar, Cynthia Press, Olive Chamberlain, Valentin Puig, Earnest Heaner, John Maher, Joe Strain, Jack King and Ovid Shanks. The other guests included Misses Katherine Tarver, Alma Pierce, Estelle Kline, Josephine Smith, Clay Watkins and Mrs. Thredgill, and Misses Leonor Magnon, Rosalie Biggio, Berta Gorgora, Evelyn Ryan, Ofelia Garcia, Celina Ferrara, Marjorie Fish, Phyllis Bunn, Carrie Henry, Maria Henry, Robert Resenbaum, Luis Avila, August Wormser, Joaquin Magnon, Adolfo Magnon, Felix Gorgora, Pablo Martinez, Vicente Ferrara, Aurelio Ferrara, Fidel Gonzalez, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Penn. Mrs. Mowry was charmingly assisted in entertaining her guests by her daughters, Mrs. J. A. Wilson and Miss Maria Mowry.

Honoring Judge and Mrs. Hal H. Greer.

A lovely entertainment of last evening was the beautifully appointed bridge party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton complimenting a large number of friends in honor of their parents, Judge and Mrs. Greer, who will leave in the near future for Beaumont, where they will make their home. The happy event was not only a farewell party, but also commemorated Mrs. Greer's birthday. The handsome home was especially attractive in its adornment; scores of lovely Shasta daisies filling crystal baskets were placed everywhere about the rooms. The chosen color note of white and yellow was observed in all the appointments, and was prettily expressed in the score cards which carried the daisy motif; yellow and white mints in cut glass dishes also graced the tables of the players. In the delightfully interesting games of bridge played a number of handsome prizes were awarded to the following players: Ladies' first prize, a half dozen tatting dollies, Mrs. D. McNeil Turner; second prize, a hand-embroidered tray cloth, Mrs. L. A. Lafon; consolation, a glass compote, Mrs. Leo Purwin. The men's prizes: Mr. M. T. Cogley, receiving the first prize, a white silk tie and handkerchief; Mr. Black, received consolation, two packs of cards; the low score prize went to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mims, each receiving an angel food cake, iced in white and ornamented with daisies. The honor guests were also favored. Mrs. Greer was given a most beautiful crystal basket filled with golden hearted daisies and Judge Greer was presented with a box of choice cigars. At the conclusion of the games a delicious refreshment course was served reflecting the color note of white and yellow in the ices and cakes the latter being individual angel food cakes, iced in white and adorned with daisies. The plate favors were lovely bouquets of the favored blooms. Delicious punch was served throughout the evening by Misses Merceille Lake, Irene Leyendecker and Lois Derby. Those besides the honor guests to enjoy the hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara, Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wormser, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Purwin, Mr. and Mrs. D. McNeil Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shiner, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Witting, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Vidaurri, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Sauvignat, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sames, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cogley, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mims, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Buenz, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Leyendecker, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker,

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lafon, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Derby, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Christen, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Watson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mesdames Barlow and A. Huberich and Messrs. Frank Higgins, A. Deutz, Prinz Buttrou, H. I. Greer, and James Greer. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were graciously assisted in entertaining their guests by their mother, Mrs. Kate Hamilton, and sister, Mrs. Frank Higgins.

EXCLUDE JEWISH STUDENTS.

By Associated Press.

Budapest, May 19.—Exclusion of Jewish students from the University of Budapest is being enforced by coercion squads composed of undergraduates who served in the army. These examine every applicant and any student who desires to register must obtain the endorsement of five of them.

The result of this is that the enrollment of students has fallen off from 12,530 in 1918 to a little more than 2,000.

MUCH SMUGGLING.

By Associated Press.

Budapest, May 19.—It is estimated by the newspapers that money, jewels, precious metals and other valuables of small size and easy concealment, to the value of several billions of crowns have been smuggled out of the country in recent months. The government is considering a plan to organize a force of 4,000 frontier customs guards to stop this smuggling for export. A large number of men already are employed for that purpose.

FIRST DEATH IN FAMILY.

By Associated Press.

Rapid City, S. D., May 19.—The first death in a family of twenty children, the youngest of whom is 26 years old, occurred when Ernest J. Smith died recently.

The father of the family, 77 years old, still does all of the work on his hog farm in the suburbs of Sioux Falls. He has never had need for the services of a doctor.

The father came to the United States from Germany in 1857 when he was fourteen years old. He served four years in the Civil War.

He was twice married. To his first wife were born nine sons and four daughters. Three sons and four daughters were born to his second wife. Each of the sons now weighs more than two hundred pounds.

Ernest's four grandparents each lived to be more than 80 years old.

DOUGLAS RANCH SOLD.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 19.—The Douglas ranch, comprising 1,720 acres near Austin, on which is located the quarry from which the stone for the University of Texas library and other structures of Austin was taken, has changed hands for a consideration of \$30,700. The property formerly belonged to an investment syndicate, but is now in possession of private interests here.

SUMMER NORMALS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., May 19.—Twenty-six summer normals for white teachers, and fourteen for colored teachers, have just been approved by Miss Annie Webb Blanton, state superintendent of public instruction. The majority of these schools will open June 21. Dates for the white normals include the following Abilene, June 21, Austin, June 21; Brownwood, June 21; College Station, June 21; Corpus Christi, June 21; Denton, North Texas Normal, June 8, and Denton, College of Industrial Arts, June 1; Houston, June 9; Jacksonville, June 21; Marshall, June 21; San Marcos, June 10; Sherman, June 21; Waco, June 21, and Weatherford, June 21.

THE FOREIGN LEGION.

By Associated Press.

Vienna, May 19.—Recruiting for the French Foreign Legion has been in progress in Vienna for some months and, according to the newspapers, about 1,500 men have been enlisted in the last 10 days. A clause in the treaty of St. Germain permits this recruiting in the states of the former empire. The Vienna press has kept up a systematic attack on this recruiting urging Austrians not to enlist.

About Rheumatism.

People are learning that it is only a waste of time and money to take medicine internally for chronic and muscular rheumatism, and about ninety-nine out of a hundred cases are one or the other of these varieties. All that is really necessary to afford relief is to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. Try it. It costs but 35 cents per bottle. Large size 60 cents.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

SOME TEXAS LEGISLATORS OPPOSE PLAN TO ESTABLISH NON-COTTON ZONES IN THE STATE

Opponents of the Non-Cotton Zones have Established Headquarters in Austin and will Vigorously Oppose the Establishment of Areas in Which Cotton Cannot be Grown Because of Pink Boll Worm.

DISCOURAGE LOANS IS THE NEWEST PLAN

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ASKED HELP OF AMERICAN BANKERS IN VIEW OF SITUATION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—American bankers today pledged themselves to co-operate with the federal reserve board in the plan to prevent default in national finances by curtailment of long term loans covering non-essential operations and discouragement of all unnecessary borrowing of all kinds. This is the foundation of the federal reserve system's new policy.

HELD IN CELLAR ON SAUSAGE AND WATER

DALLAS STREET CONDUCTOR FOUND TIED IN REAR NEAR DENTON AFTER ABDUCTION.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, May 19.—W. L. Touchstone, a Dallas street car conductor who disappeared the night of May 7 was found last night near Denton tied up. Touchstone said he was knocked in the head May 7, kept in a cellar on bologna sausage and water until last night, when he was tied and carried in an automobile and thrown out where he was found. He was robbed of \$25. He knew no reason for the kidnapping. He was weak but not seriously hurt.

ONLY TEN PER CENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—The census of Longview, Texas, shows a population of 5,713, an increase of 553, or 10.8 per cent.

SIGNED PAY INCREASE BILL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—President Wilson today signed the army and navy pay bill providing for temporary adjustment of the pay scale of officers and enlisted men pending permanent adjustment later.

REFUSES TO HEAR PETITION.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, May 19.—The United States railway labor board today flatly refused to hear petitions for increased wages presented by John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's Association and officers of other organizations which struck in defiance of the orders of the national railway brotherhoods.

ACCEPT RESOLUTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—Republican house leaders today agreed to accept the peace resolution adopted by the senate as a substitute for the house resolution. It was decided tentatively to call it up Friday for final action.

PROTECT ANCIENT INN.

By Associated Press.

Toledo, Spain, May 2.—Protest has come from every city in Spain against the proposal to modernize the famous hotel in Toledo where once lived Cervantes, the author, who "laughed Spain's chivalry away" in "Don Quixote." Many academies and art organizations demanded that the original character of this resort of Spain's great writer be preserved.

NOTICE..

Bids will be received at this office in Laredo, Texas, until June 15th, 1920, for handling the U. S. Mail for the Texas Mexican Ry. Co. at Laredo, Texas, between the Post Office and the International & Great Northern R. R. passenger depot for one year beginning July 1st, 1920.

S. W. DeWOLF,
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
5-6-30t.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 19.—Members of the legislature are gathering for the special session to convene tomorrow at 1 a. m. for the primary purpose of regulating the pink boll worm by the proposed establishment of non-cotton zones in the infested districts. Headquarters have been opened by the opposition to the non-cotton zones who assert they will vigorously oppose the establishment of areas in which cotton cannot be grown. The governor's message is virtually ready.

Waiver of Election.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 19.—John Adams of Tarrant county today signed a waiver of election in favor of Brent Jackson of Denton as representative of the two counties. The race was undecided, but Mr. Adams withdrew so that the district might have a representative at the special session tomorrow.

WANT COUNCIL HELD IN BRUSSELS IN FALL

LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL WANTS TO ISSUE CALL FOR THE COMING NOVEMBER.

By Associated Press.

Rome, May 19.—The council of the league of nations has requested President Wilson to convene the league next November at Brussels. It was pointed out that Geneva was not ready to receive the assembly.

Foreign Currency Declined.

Paris, May 19.—Another marked decline in foreign currency occurred in the Paris market today. The pound sterling opened at 48 francs and the American dollar at 12 francs 50 centimes.

GRANTED REPRIEVE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 19.—A sixty-day reprieve was granted T. Middleton, given the death penalty for the murder of a woman whose body was found in a bayou in Liberty county. The governor gave the reprieve at the request of the pardon board which is investigating for action on a petition to commute to a life sentence.

LAW UPHELD.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, May 19.—The constitutionality of the law creating the state board of control was upheld today. The supreme court overruled the motion of a rehearing of the case of S. B. Cowell et al vs. the Board of Managers of the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio.

RICE TOOK LEAD.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, May 18.—Rice led all Louisiana crops in value in 1919, according to the Board of Trade. Value of the 1919 rice crop was \$35,420,000. Cotton was second with a valuation of \$52,000,000, corn third and sugar came fourth.

The sugar crop was the shortest in many years, being little over half of 1918.

LOST ALIBI.

By Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 19.—Icemen in the northern tier of counties of Pennsylvania will not be able to use as a high-price alibi next summer the old story that the crop of natural ice was short last winter.

Paul H. Mulford, forester, reported to Gifford Pinchot, chief state forester, that ice 15 inches thick was still to be found on Pine creek in Tioga county, May 1.

CUT PRICE SALES IN FAVOR EVERYWHERE

ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS JOINED PRICE CUTTERS AND THE MOVEMENT REACHES TEXAS.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, May 19.—Reduction in prices of clothes and other goods ranging from 10 to 35 per cent by stores at numerous points west of the Mississippi continued to be reported today. St. Louis joining the price cutters. The movement has reached Texas, several cities announcing cut prices sales.

WILL INVESTIGATE ALL EXPENDITURES

SENATE TO START PROBE AS TO MONEY SPENT BY AND FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—A favorable report was ordered today by the senate auditing committee on the Borah resolution calling for an investigation by the senate into expenditures by Republican and Democratic presidential candidates with contributions in their behalf.

ROBBED A RESORT.

By Associated Press.

Wichita Falls, May 19.—Masked men last night secured \$1,000 in a holdup of a resort at Burk Burnett.

MISS BLANTON A CANDIDATE.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, May 19.—Miss Annie Webb Blanton of Denton, state superintendent of public instruction, filed a formal application at Democratic headquarters today to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for renomination. William T. Pace of Dallas filed an application for a place as candidate for lieutenant governor.

EXPOSITION OF FANS.

By Associated Press.

Madrid, May 19.—Spanish cities are intensely interested in an exposition of fans to be held here this month. More than 400 beautiful specimens showing the development of the art of fan making in the last three centuries have been entered in the exposition.

Queen Victoria was among the first to offer her support for the exposition and to participate in it. Others of the royal house, including the Queen Mother, the Infantas Isabel and Luisa, the Duchess of Talavera and nearly every titled woman in Spain followed her example.

SHORTAGE OF PAPER.

By Associated Press.

Vancouver, B. C., May 19.—Japan is facing an acute shortage of newsprint and a reign of high prices in that commodity, according to M. Unagaki and M. Nakayama, who arrived here recently and will make a tour of the United States and Canada in the interests of several Japanese newspapers. Japanese papers, they said, have only small supplies of newsprint on hand and are having considerable difficulty in securing enough to take care of their needs in the immediate future.

EXCESS RATION.

By Associated Press.

Vienna, May 19.—While the recently completed city census showed Vienna to have a population of approximately 1,800,000, it has been discovered that over 2,000,000 bread tickets are in circulation. The loss on this excess ration is estimated at 1,000,000 carloads of flour a year.

The explanation is that families fail to report deaths or departures of members to obtain the additional ration for themselves or sell the tickets to the left-hand trade. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police for investigation and remedy.

From Thursday's Daily.

THE LEGION PUSH.

This week the American Legion is making a "push" for membership, in an endeavor to secure as near one hundred per cent membership as possible. Up to the beginning of the week, there were nearly double as many available members in Webb county as those already on the organization's rolls, and the same condition prevails all over the country.

The organization, while based on military service, is not military in any sense of the word. Indeed, the majority of the members are not only opposed to making it military in the sense of arming and training, but they are determined opponents of militarism.

They realize that if a war were to come within the next few years the greater part of those who fought in the great war would be available for further service, but they are hoping that another war will not come for many years, if at all within this century.

They are prepared to do further work, but they do not propose to be any party to the stirring up of strife. Their memories of the war are still too poignant to permit them to look upon war as desirable, or even permissible if it can be prevented.

The objects of the association are laudable. They are to perpetuate the friendships formed during the war, to keep the campfire burning for the old buddies who met for the first time during the service and who became firm friends through a common ideal and a common aspiration.

They propose to look after the disabled or sick veterans of the war and see that they have every attention necessary. They propose to watch over the welfare of the widows and orphans of former service men and to see that they are not set aside or neglected for lack of someone to guard their interests.

They propose to honor the memory of those who fell and to see that the sacrifice they made was not in vain. They are "holding up the torch" for future generations to light the way to the same high ground which they held during the war, and from which they do not propose to recede now that the fighting is ended.

Some seem to think that the one aim of the organization is to influence legislation favorable to the ex-service men, but while this will be done as one of the natural functions of the American Legion, it will form but a small part of the activities of the Legion in the years to come.

There is some reason for this sort of work, for ever since the time when Columbus was struggling to finance his expedition in search of the shortest route to the Indies it has been said that "republics are ungrateful," and it is the aim of the organization to see that the pages of our history are not stained with any modern "Blind Belisarius begging bread."

But there are many other things which will call for the support of the men who stood shoulder to shoulder for the freedom of the world. They have not lost their right to a share in our government because they fought in the ranks of its defenders, and there are many projects which will call for the support of true Americans in the future.

The motto of the country for which they fought is "In Union there is strength," and it is for this reason that the members of the American Legion are looking to increase their membership rolls. Some of them in schools or colleges before they entered the service learned the value of team work, and that lesson was continued in their army training.

Such an organization, composed of Americans who fought for their country, could never be a menace to that country. Anything that stands for flag and country is bound to be a benefit to the country, and no one will deny that the American Legion includes those who for some months were the hope of the nation and who are still possessed of the same ideals as their fathers who fought for their freedom and who passed it on to us.

All honor to the American Legion. We of an earlier period wish them well and hope that they may live many years until the last "Taps" shall sound for them, and the last volley shall be fired in final salute.

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

The report that comes from Villa's headquarters that the wily bandit has not accepted the new revolution and is studying it from all angles before making any pronouncement will cause some uneasiness to those who have been hoping that the disorders in Mexico were ended.

For some time past Villa has desired to hold the balance of power in the Northwest. He felt that he could secure the success of any movement by throwing his forces on that side of the balance, and when he was not fighting for his own hand he was always treating with one or the other of the rebel leaders. Only with Carranza would he not deal under any circumstances, and his charges that Carranza was an ungrateful man seem to be carried out by the events in other sections.

The report that Villa has 23,000 men at his orders, with supplies of ammunition, machine guns and artillery may be doubted. His forces

were never a fixed quantity, but depended upon the situation of the movement, and surely now, when all looting has been stopped for months, he would find it difficult to keep together so large a force without the money with which to pay them.

It would be difficult to supply the commissariat for a large force, and as a great part of Villa's men were always mounted it would also be difficult to supply enough forage. To say nothing of equipment for so many.

That Villa is still on the fence there can be no doubt. It is probable that Villa himself caused the story to be given out that he had retired from the conflict now that the new revolution had succeeded in overthrowing the Carranza government, but that he has made any definite plans does not seem probable.

It is to be hoped that Villa may be eliminated from the present revolution. No good can come of his association with a government which is opposed to further bloodshed and violence. He could never keep quiet for long unless he was in perfect accord with the aims of the new government, and this seems impossible, judging from his past history.

It is true that to a great part of the people of Chihuahua Villa is a popular idol. His successes against organized forces, his sudden dashes into the limelight and his generosity (?) with what he had stolen all endeared him to the class that does not look too closely into the mouth of a gift horse.

But the better class, the planters and urban property holders, the mining men and others whose prosperity depends upon security of life and property, will rejoice when they hear that Villa has been finally eliminated and forced to retire from the game.

Unless Villa submits the revolutionists will have to fight him. For two governments in one section are impossible, especially when the ideal of one is loot and its seat of government is in the saddle. The outcome of the fight might not be decided for some time, and it would be to the interest of those who still swear by Carranza instead of at him to stir up the Chihuahuas bandit and enjoy the fruits of the strife.

It may be that Villa is really tired. He has led a hard life for several years past, and his occasional fits of dissipation between fights are not calculated to act as a restorer. He has had huge fortunes in his hands, yet it is doubtful if he has a dollar he can call his own. He needs no money, it is true, for his own personal expenses, for there are thousands who would consider it an honor to supply him with funds.

But his day has passed. He is no longer the hope of those who were at outs with the government. He no longer arouses the admiration of the foreigner who once looked upon him as a new Robin Hood. He is becoming persona non grata with most of the people who once looked upon him as a deliverer.

The new government should get rid of him. It will not be to their credit to seek an alliance with him, and he is a dangerous friend, whatever he may be as a foe. Any government based upon common honesty and a regard for the laws of men and tum can have no place for Villa.

PROBATE COURT GRINDING ON MATTERS THAT COME UP

Two Probate Cases Came Before the Tribunal Yesterday Afternoon and Were Finally Disposed of.

The probate court of Webb county, presided over by County Judge Winslow, is disposing of all probate matters brought before it, but so far the attorneys in the cases have been somewhat slow. The following business was disposed of yesterday afternoon:

In the matter of the guardianship of the Czar minors; the Merchants State Bank & Trust Co. was appointed guardian of the estate and bond was fixed at \$35,000.

In the matter of the estate of the Gonzalez minors; application of Merchants State Bank & Trust Co. for temporary guardianship granted and bond fixed at \$8,000.

VACATION TIME IS AT HAND SCHOOLS CLOSE TOMORROW

Commencement Exercises of the Class of 1920 Take Place at the Royal Opera House Tomorrow Night.

The schools of the Laredo Independent School District terminate their sessions tomorrow afternoon, and good old vacation-time will then be in order until Monday, September 20, when the schools will resume their sessions to run throughout the fall, winter and spring.

On tomorrow evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, at the Royal Opera House, the graduating class of 1920 of the Laredo High School will hold their commencement exercises and seven young ladies and six young gentlemen will receive their diplomas and be prepared to enter higher institutions of learning in various portions of the country.

GETTING BACK AT HUBBY.

Benham—When a woman says that she doesn't care how she looks, it is time to send for the doctor. Mrs. Benham—But, if the doctor is a married man, he won't care.

TO ORDAIN WOMEN.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 20.—Admission of women to ordination as ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church is a question that will be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire denomination in the United States if the recommendation of a commission which has been studying the subject for the past year is approved by the Presbyterian General Assembly which opens its annual sessions here tonight.

A survey, taken by the commission on the Official Relation of Women in the Church in which the opinions of leading ministers, elders and women were obtained, led its members to these conclusions:

"That the Scriptures did not forbid either women elders or women preachers; that three other denominations ordain women to the ministry but that few women avail themselves of the privilege; that four other denominations did not have women preachers, and are not inclined to have them; that the evidence shown is favorable to women as elders but unfavorable to women as ministers; that of the Presbyterians canvassed 60 per cent favored women as elders, 48 per cent favored women as ministers, while 31½ per cent opposed any change in the present usage of the church."

An elder in the Presbyterian church occupies a spiritual office but does not preach. He assists the minister in his religious duties and, as a presbyter, is a member of the governing body of the church endowed with the function, among others, of maintaining denominational doctrine and administering discipline. For centuries the office has been filled exclusively by men.

Last year, three Presbyteries, it was said, made overtures to the General Assembly. One from the Presbytery of Columbia river asked that women be made eligible to ordination both as ministers and ruling elders. Another from the Presbytery of Dallas, Texas, asked that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole question of enlarged opportunities for women in the church and the Presbytery of Saginaw, Mich., urged that they be ordained as ruling elders. The Moderator thereupon appointed a commission to inquire and report, composed of the Rev. S. Hall Young, chairman, the Rev. Edgar W. Work and Rush Taggart, all of New York, the Rev. Willis Barrett of Bellingham, O., and John T. Manning of New Haven, Conn.

The commission said it found that the Methodist Protestant, the Congregational and the Christian Churches ordain women to the ministry but few availed themselves of the privilege. Four other denominations, the Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, it was said, "do not have women preachers nor does there seem to be any particular inclination in these churches to accord them this office."

"In practically all of these seven churches," said the report, "women are admitted to every other official position in the church except the ministry. They serve on official boards, are trustees, deaconesses, etc., and there is a growing tendency to admit them to official equality with men in the matter of council and oversight in the government and service of the church."

Those opposed to any change in the present usage in the Presbyterian church were quoted by the commission as arguing that ordination of women would lower the dignity of the office, afford an excuse for men to shirk their duties, retard or defeat the union of Presbyterian churches in the United States, keep men from church and countenance and accelerate a "dangerous feminist movement."

Arguments quoted in favor of the change included statements that it would accord with the spirit of the age and with women's civil equality, that women and girls composed the majority of the membership of the church and did more work than the other sex and that they were "entitled to the honors as well as the labors."

The commission declined to express any opinion on the merits of the question, stating that it was divided, "a majority having expressed themselves as conservative."

Invitation.

To the public in general: Ladies and gentlemen who wish to have manicuring done please call at the City Barber Shop or phone 1103 for engagements. 4-16-17.

MATTER GOOD ROADS BONDS WAS CONSIDERED AT MEETING

URGE COMMISSIONERS INCREASE ASSESSED VALUES OF COUNTY

Tax-payers Anxious to Get Good Roads Work Under Way and Promote Commissioners Assistance.

If energetic efforts and co-operation of the taxpayers of Webb county will accomplish the purpose, the necessary bonds will soon be sold and a good roads building campaign started here that will result in this county being netted by a system of first-class highways extending from the city limits of Laredo to the boundary lines of the county in all directions.

At the meeting of the committee of taxpayers appointed at a recent gathering, the committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the committee of the Laredo Rotary Club held at the Chamber of Commerce quarters last night the matter of good roads construction and the manner of providing means for same was considered. A resolution was passed requesting the commissioners' court to raise the assessed valuation of Webb county from \$11,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for the purpose of laying the basis for the procuring of sufficient funds to do proposed good roads work in this county. It is urged that the good roads work be started as soon as possible and those present at the meeting last night voted to sustain any constructive action along these lines taken by the commissioners court of Webb county.

The matter of the selling of the \$300,000 worth of bonds voted by Webb county last year for good roads work in this county, has occupied the attention of the commissioners court for several months. To facilitate the selling of bonds of the county the following telegram has been sent to representative E. A. Atlee, who is at present in the state capital:

Laredo, Texas, May 19, 1920. Hon. E. A. Atlee, House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Please call upon the governor and request him to submit to the legislature the opportunity to amend the law so that counties and municipalities may issue bonds at higher interest rates than now provided by law. Webb county, as well as other counties, have voted bond issues bearing maximum amounts of interest and are unable to make sale of them.

A. WINSLOW, for Co. Commissioners' Court. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LAREDO ROTARY CLUB.

SOCIETY HAS MANY FRAUDS SAYS MISS NORMA TALMADGE

But It Is Not a Cause For Worry, Adds Star, For Character Is Only Real Test of Worth.

"Do you know your friends? You only think you do, for one never can tell these days."

Thus philosophized Norma Talmadge, star of "A Daughter of Two Worlds," which will be shown at the Royal Theatre, beginning Sunday.

"Why there are thousands and thousands of people in the world living under assumed names to hide their past," she said. "Some are just as good and respectable as you or I, but there is a taint on the family name which causes them to go through life incognito."

"No, you never can tell just what's in a name. But then the name doesn't matter very much anyhow. It's the character that counts."

Norma should be well qualified to speak on this subject, for in "A Daughter of Two Worlds," the film version of Le Roy Scott's famous novel, she plays a double life.

A forgery of which she has been wrongly accused results in her advent into a fashionable boarding school from the sordid environment of a low dance hall, run in the slums by her father, Black Jerry Malone, whose one big ambition is to advance his daughter in the upper world.

This leap into society never could have been accomplished, Black Jerry and his daughter figured, had she clung to the tainted family name.

But the stigma of the past followed her even into the upper crust, and Jennie Miller, as she called herself, was called upon to make a decision which meant the saving of the life of a friend of the underworld, wrongly accused of murder, and her return to the old life she hated with the possible loss of the man she had learned to love in the new world.

Garner Hill, Gladstone, N. J., Sells Rat-Snap, He Says.

"I sell and use RAT-SNAP. Like to look any man in the face and tell it's the best. It's good." People like RAT-SNAP because it "does" kill rats. Petrifies carcass—leaves no smell. Comes in cakes—no mixing to do. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by A. Deutz & Brother, City Drug Co. and Sanitary Grocery.

Economy Salvage House. 20,000 Army shoes, 1,000 Army wool shirts, 300 Army cotton mattresses, 20,000 Army leggings, and many other articles; 1,000 pairs ladies shoes (new) at less than cost of manufacture. 1701 Hidalgo St. 3-3-17.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES ITS PROGRAM

GOV. PORTES GIL DECLARES IT WILL BE HONEST.

Provisional Governor of Tamaulipas in Interview Declares Purposes of the New Mexican Government.

The following interview was given a Times representative by Provisional Governor Emilio Portes Gil before his departure for Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, where he went to assume the reins of government:

"I believe it my duty before entering into the real matter of this interview to address a respectful and courteous salutation to the American people and their authorities, making known through the worthy channels of the press that the work to be carried on by the provisional government of the state of Tamaulipas will be to second in everything the policy which is being developed by Sr. D. Adolfo de la Huerta, supreme chief of the liberal constitutional army. I shall therefore try to bring about friendly relations with the United States on the border of the state of Tamaulipas. And I also wish to state that I am in accord with what was stated by Sr. de la Huerta, that there should be in the state a reorganization based on morality and political and administrative honesty, giving ample guarantees to capital, encouraging industries by all legitimate means, guarding the exact fulfillment of the laws and respecting the rights of nationals and foreigners, and in general I must endeavor to have all public services reorganized in order to obtain social betterment.

"Gambling, which has caused so many evils in the state, shall be prosecuted with tenacity until it is exterminated; officials or employees who traffic with the public business will be proceeded against with all energy, the administration of justice to be general public will be made prompt and expeditious.

"The problem of national education being the fundamental one to make of Mexico a prosperous and happy country, the national government proposes to direct all its energies toward the encouragement and full development of that education in order that from it may be obtained the consequent fruit. In the monetary question it is the desire of the government to proceed to the reorganization and operation of the banking institutions in accordance with the laws in force in 1912, with slight modifications. The government also is concerned with the betterment of our proletarian classes in general and above all that the great number of the indigenous race which lives principally in the center of the country shall be bettered in its social, moral and intellectual conditions, and in this concept the propositions stated by the present chief of the revolutionary movement are in the sense that there should be an intense labor of education among these classes in order that they may come to be factors of progress and of civilization. In a word, the new government establishes the precedent that the public administration shall be what it really should be in all countries; the medium through which relations are established between governments and the governed, in order that the former may carry out in all honesty and morality and with strict adherence to the laws the mandates conferred by the latter."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Friday partly cloudy.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 90 degs. Min. temp. 70 degs. General direction of wind: Southeast. Clear.

From 60 to 70 per cent of the world's production of copper is used p. m. Work in M. M. degree. All in normal times in the electrical industry.

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BIG ACREAGE COTTON HERE; ESTIMATED AT 12,000 ACRES

FOUR OF BEST VARIETIES OF SEED BEING PLANTED.

Onion Shipping Season Nearing End; Total of More Than 1,300 Cars Will Go Out of Laredo.

Up to this time a total of 1,223 carloads of Bermuda onions have been shipped out of Laredo, and according to the estimate made by the Bureau of Markets officer here, which will close next Saturday, about one hundred more carloads of onions remain to be shipped out of Laredo, which will bring the aggregate shipments for the season in excess of 1,300 carloads. The estimate made early in the season was for a total of 1,500 carloads, but this figure will not be reached. According to the report of the Bureau of Markets office here a total of 3,888 carloads of onions had been shipped out of Texas this season up to today.

With their land free of the onions farmers in the Laredo section are now turning their attention to cotton, and already big acreages have been planted in the fleecy staple. According to information furnished by Prof. F. W. Mally, the Webb county agricultural agent, there will be from 11,000 to 12,000 acres planted in cotton in the Laredo section this season. Of this acreage there will be about 3,000 acres susceptible to irrigation, and 8,000 acres or more will be cultivated under the dry farming method. The best seed are being planted in the Laredo section, and this will mean better grading and quality of lint than prevailed last season. Four of the best staple varieties of cotton seed are under demonstration in the cotton crops hereabouts this season, and it is predicted that at least 5,000 bales of cotton will be grown and marketed in the Laredo section before the year 1920 is over, making the largest cotton crop ever planted in the history of this immediate section of Texas.

AGUSTIN CANO FACES JURY IN LAREDO DISTRICT COURT

Former Carranza Captain Who Made Specialty of Robbing Poor Laborers is Before Bar of Justice.

District court is still grinding away on the criminal docket, and so far all the cases as set by District Attorney Valls have been tried and disposed of. The following cases were tried yesterday afternoon:

Gabriel Valle, charged with theft under \$50, was tried and convicted and given three months in the county jail.

Manuel Jimenez, Humberto Salazar and Jose Mireles, charged with violation of the liquor laws, were tried and given one year each in the state penitentiary with suspended sentence. The defendants are all under 19 years of age and were represented by Mrs. Elizabeth Threadgill.

The trial of Agustin Cano, the former Carranza captain charged with robbery, assault to murder, etc., who was arrested nine miles down the Rio Grande from Laredo several weeks ago by rangers, and who was indicted on five counts by the special session of the grand jury convened to investigate the charges against him, was today placed on trial for robbery by firearms. Cano is represented by W. Winslow and Wilmer Threadgill, while the prosecution is being conducted by District Attorney Valls.

The selection of a jury from a special venire began this morning, and up to the time court adjourned at noon eleven jurors were in the box. The selection of the last juror was taken up at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The jury in the case is composed of the following: Ross Campbell, Pat Clover, Hugh Cluck, R. P. Woodard, Felix Dodder, Enrique Vela, J. L. Beckham, R. P. Dement, E. J. Black, Eugene Ramon, Luis Benavides and Eduardo de Lachica.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547 A. F. & A. M. Friday at 8 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend. FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

LOCAL NEWS

—MOTORLIFE, gasoline saver, carbon remover, save 25% to 50% gasoline, removes carbon and prevents accumulation of carbon. See local endorsements at office of R. C. Bryant, distributor, 711 Salinas avenue. 5-20-17.

—The play at the Royal, which was on the program Tuesday and Wednesday, starring Tom Mix in "The Daredevil," is one of those close next carloads of onions remain to be shipped out of Laredo, which will bring the aggregate shipments for the season in excess of 1,300 carloads. The estimate made early in the season was for a total of 1,500 carloads, but this figure will not be reached. According to the report of the Bureau of Markets office here a total of 3,888 carloads of onions had been shipped out of Texas this season up to today.

—Shasta daisies and sweet peas for sale. Phone 807. 5-19-17.

—CLASSES IN ENGLISH.—717 Lincoln street, J. E. Fowler. 5-17-17.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Isabel Cruz and Miss Juana N. Avila, Pedro Solis and Miss Juana Vargas, Tomas Bernal and Miss Belen Martinez.

—A full line of Samson Plows. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-17.

—International Realty Co. of Laredo, 611 Flores avenue. We will buy, sell or exchange real estate or personal property, or act as trustee, agent for you. J. E. Cotter, Manager. 5-12-17.

—The new Thaison building, which includes the Rialto Theater, will be completed and ready for occupancy within the next few days, the finishing touches being applied now by Contractor Jambers and his workmen. The opening of the Rialto Theater is scheduled for some day next week.

—We have a complete line of Farm Tractors and Plows on hand. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-17.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-17.

—Work in the basement foundation of the new Ramos building at the corner of Lincoln street and Convent Avenue is being pushed right ahead by Contractor Clarence Jefferies and within a short time the construction work will be showing above the surface of the ground.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017. 6-20-17.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-17.

—The new home of the Laredo Auto Sales Co. at the corner of Houston street and Convent Avenue, one of the most modern salesrooms and garages in Southwest Texas, will be ready for occupancy in a few days, and then the new home of the Ford in Laredo will be a credit to the business district.

—Just ask your friend who has a Samson. Then call us. Crumpler Sales Co. 5-20-17.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-17.

—Reserved seats, 35c, for the Commencement Exercises Friday evening will be on sale at the Royal tomorrow from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-17.

OUR TERCENTENNIAL.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., May 19.—Governor W. P. Hobby has been requested to appoint a state committee to co-operate with other states and with a national committee headed by Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, in arranging for celebrations commemorating the 300th anniversary of the beginning of free institutions in America. The committee, in its call for organization, points out that 1920 is the tercentennial anniversary of the first meeting of a legislative assembly in Virginia and of the landing of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts.

DON'T INCLUDE COAL.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., May 19.—Because the land commissioner has issued a permit on state lands to prospect for oil and gas such action does not prohibit that official from also issuing a permit for the purpose of prospecting for coal on the same land, providing, however, that the holder of the oil and gas permit has not already discovered coal on the land, the attorney general's department has held in an opinion to Land Commissioner J. R. Robinson.

TRAIN ARGENTINIANS.

By Associated Press. Buenos Aires, May 19.—The Argentine navy has arranged to send a number of aviators and mechanics to the United States navy aviation school at Pensacola, Fla., for a course of training in hydro-aviation and mechanics. They will be under the command of Lieutenant Marcos Zar, who will also visit American airplane factories with a view to studying types of airplanes for adoption by the Argentine navy.

IMPORTATIONS COMING IN
LIVELY RATE FROM MEXICO

After Suspension of Some Days Various Imports From Mexico Now Passing Through Port of Laredo.

After a suspension of shipments for some days as a result of absence of freight trains on the National Lines of Mexico since the revolt of the Carranza forces in Nuevo Laredo and Monterey, importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo are again moving.

The following imports passed through the Laredo custom house yesterday afternoon: Five carloads of ixite, three shipments of silver, four carloads of ore, one carload of hampers and baskets, one carload of cloth, one carload of drums and two carloads of bones.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

The reformatory school system originated in France.

All the best blotting-paper is made from soft cotton rags.

Alarm-bells can now be rung by wireless at a distance of one hundred miles.

The police force in Great Britain is practically the only one in the world that is not armed.

The island of Java is of about the same area as Ireland, but its population is six times greater.

The people of the Middle Ages believed the best treatment for a "black eye" was a poultice made from the blood of a tortoise.

In beginning to teach deaf mutes the art of speech they are first placed before a mirror and taught to form with their lips the vowel sounds.

The value of the otter is fully recognized by the Chinese, who train them to fish, and a well-trained otter will bring several hundred dollars.

The third finger of the left hand (the wedding-ring finger) is said to be the first finger that a newborn babe is made to move, and the last of which a dying person loses control.

It is estimated that a difference of one inch in the rainfall occurring in July in the six chief corn-growing States makes a difference of more than \$300,000,000 in the value of the corn crop.

In England no legal formalities are necessary for a change of name. A person may call himself by any name he pleases, and may change his name as often as he likes, provided such changes are not made from fraudulent or improper motives.

The only beauty show for men on record was one held in Vienna some years ago, at which the judges were fourteen ladies. The first prize went to a wine merchant with a long nose, and the second to a man with a moustache twenty inches long.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

MAY 21.

1660—Dollard des Ormeaux and his companions were killed at the Long Sault, Ottawa River.

1690—The expedition of Sir William Phipps captured Port Royal.

1780—Elizabeth Fry, famous pioneer in the prison reform movement, born in England. Died Oct. 12, 1845.

1845—Trial of citizens for the murder of the Mormon leaders, Hiram and Joseph Smith, at Carthage, Ill., ended in acquittal.

1849—Maria Edgeworth, celebrated English novelist, died. Born Jan. 1, 1767.

1861—Benjamin Paul Akers, a poor Maine boy who became a noted sculptor, died in Philadelphia. Born at Saccarappa, Maine, July 10, 1825.

1870—A volcanic eruption and earthquake destroyed several villages in Japan.

1918—General Peyton C. March was named Chief of Staff of the United Army.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

MAY 21.

German Cabinet repeated its decision not to sign the Peace Treaty.

U. S. House of Representatives voted to submit a suffrage constitutional amendment to the States.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of M. de Giers, celebrated Russian statesman. St. Louis University today celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding.

Chile keeps a holiday today in celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Iquique.

A three day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Hudson's Bay Company will be inaugurated today at Victoria, B. C.

The annual meeting of the Chautauqua Association of Pennsylvania will begin its sessions today at Atlantic City, N. J.

In a general primary today Oregon will choose its delegates to the national political conventions and name its preferences for the presidential nominations. At the same time a referendum election will be held to decide upon a number of measures and amendments approved by the last legislature.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Commencement exercises at 8:15 o'clock in the evening at the Royal Opera House.

Saturday.

The Busy Bess will meet with Miss Evelyn Ryan at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Miss Hazel Merriman returned home yesterday morning from San Antonio, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Stanley Hauser, after completing her course at the Tyler Business College.

Mr. Colon Schott has returned to Cincinnati after a several weeks' stay in the city.

Mrs. Charles Deutz and daughter, Julia Belle, have gone to Atlantic, Ga., to visit relatives. They will be joined there by Mr. Deutz.

Miss Josephine Smith will leave Sunday night for San Antonio, and will visit in Houston before going to her home in El Campo.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Austin, who left here several weeks ago for Houston to attend the state convention of the Texas Medical Society, and from there going to Galveston to spend a few weeks at the seaside, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Westbrook have moved their residence from 1213 Laredo street to 1901 Rosario street, (Heights.)

Club Notes.

Circle A of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Phillips at Fort McIntosh for their regular Bible study. Those present were: Mesdames Lamb, Phillips, Horner, Jennings, Ince, Trout, and Phillips.

Circle B, W. M. U. met with Mrs. D. Z. Windrow yesterday afternoon for the regular mission study, conducted by Mrs. Craig. A business meeting followed the study hour, after which the hostess served a refreshment course. The following members were present: Mesdames Craig, Judson, Clingenpeel, Everts, Landrum, T. C. Mann, Rogers, and Miss Annie Pace. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ferrol were the visiting guests at the meeting.

Circle C of the W. M. U. held an interesting Bible study yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Benson. The Bible study was conducted by Mrs. L. L. Leyendecker. A short business session was held after the Bible lesson and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed, during which time the hostess served an ice course and cake. Those present at the meeting were: Mesdames Walker, L. L. Leyendecker, B. H. Burr and the hostess.

Circle D held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Sallee yesterday afternoon. The Bible study was conducted by Mrs. Sallee. Those present were Mrs. Carreon, Mrs. Yearly and the hostess.

Aid Society Meets.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church met with Mrs. G. C. Hiatt yesterday afternoon, and the meeting opened with songs and prayers. After the devotional services a business session followed, during which time the Hope box was opened and work was distributed to make for the bazaar. Those present were: Mesdames Hodges, Phelps, Harper, Charles Smith, Needham, E. F. Hamilton, M. T. Clark, Keathley and Rodgers. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. John Allen were the guests.

Entertainment.

Mrs. Harold Keller of Fort McIntosh, complimented a number of friends most delightfully Thursday morning at auction bridge. The rooms were attractively decorated in quantities of sweet peas and Shasta daisies. In the games of bridge played Mrs. A. Wormser scored high and received a lovely bouquet of shell pink carnations. Miss Mowry scored second high, and was given a bouquet of Shasta daisies. Mrs. Zuppan held low score and was presented with a bouquet of sweet peas. A delicious two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the hospitality of the morning were: Mesdames, Tarkington, Zuppan, Riley, Tomeson, Archer, Jepson, Everlot, Keathley, Leach, Holkwaide, Ewell and Kaempfer, from the post; the town guests included Mesdames Cogley, Barlow, Joe Martin, Bobbitt, J. A. Wilson, MacGregor, Fish, Johnston, B. Muller, A. Wormser, J. S. Penn, T. A. Leyendecker, Harry James, G. W. Deuby, Mrs. Keller was assisted in entertaining her guests by her mother, Mrs. Ed Denike.

Hay Ride for Seniors.

An enjoyable event was that of last evening when the Sophomores of the High School gave a hay ride for the Seniors. About forty of the pupils with chaperones left in trucks for the residence of Mrs. C. C. Burr, and after a pleasant time spent in games and dancing, they returned to the city about 10:30 and spent a further time in riding all over town. It was an event that was appreciated by the honorees.

Closing Program.

Song, "Freedom For All Forever".... School
Recitation..... Helen Dixon
Dance..... Josephine Dalches
Song, "The Blacksmith".....
Norman Phelps, Henry Neff, Samuel Cuellar, James Ward, Bob Derby and Joe Fasnacht.

Dance..... Nellie Ward
Play, "The Five Knights".....
From Fourth Grade
Song, "Estrellita".....
Mrs. Macdonald

Recitation..... Anita Laue
Minstrel..... Joe Leyendecker,
Edward G'Sell, William Burr and Gordon Barr.

Song, "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean".....
Celeste Hamilton
Recitation..... Bobby Kehl,
Theodore Haynes, David Perrin,
George Ewell and Leonard Morrow.

Recitation..... Corrine Hamilton
Song..... Arvilla Seaman
Recitation..... George Ewell
Song..... Angela Casso
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner".....
School.

SAW GUN FIGHT.

By Associated Press.
Brownsville, Tex., May 21.—American tourists to Matamoros, Mexico, opposite Brownsville, before the activities of the revolutionists had reached this section, had an opportunity to see a "gun fight," such as is often thrown upon the screen in moving pictures, although reports are that not many of the tourists remained to take advantage of their opportunity.

Jose Cardenas, well known as an expert with a gun, became the center of a disturbance around the monte game during a fiesta. Jose Villa, a Matamoros policeman, entered the tent in which the affair was staged to quell the disturbance. He was shot by Cardenas, but as he fell he fired from his hip and put two bullets through Cardenas' lungs. One American is reported to have gone through the wall of the tent, while another said he did not discover that he had lost his eyeglasses until he had reached the north bank of the Rio Grande.

LAST INDIGO KING.

By Associated Press.
Natchez, Miss., May 19.—With the death of James Surget the last male descendant of one of the famous indigo kings of the South has passed away.

In 1782 Pierre Surget obtained a plantation by Spanish grant and planted indigo. Indigo was being grown extensively in Louisiana at that time and found ready market. The Surget fortune soon was made and many years afterwards the little town of Cherry Grove came into existence on a part of the plantation. It was there that James Surget was born and died. He left a daughter.

Although 84 years old James Surget never rode in an automobile nor used a telephone. A breeder of thoroughbred race horses and a devotee of racing, he boasted that he never bet a dollar.

The casket containing his body was, at his request, borne to the family burying ground by old negroes, former slaves to the family.

THE WEATHER MAN.

By Associated Press.
Columbus, Ohio, May 18.—If the fish don't bite as well as usual this spring, blame it on the weather man. He has butted in on the work of the fish and game division of the state while spoiling nearly every other outdoor undertaking.

The bureau of fish and game is a month behind in its work, according to Al C. Baxter, chief. Last year nearly a score of cars of fish had been distributed over the state by this time last year. To date less than half a dozen cars have been sent out. Furthermore, distribution from now on is going to be light, Baxter says, because the storms have played havoc with nets and lines at the fishing grounds in Lake Erie.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

As an instance of what risks natives employed in the diamond-diggings in South Africa will run in order to conceal diamonds, it is stated that, on a post-mortem examination being made on a native who died under suspicious circumstances, a sixty-carat rough diamond was found in his stomach.

The theory that twins are not so much separate individuals as one individual split in two receives curious confirmation from the fact that there are many cases on record of twins dying within a few hours or days of one another. When the second does not die of the same disease he or she dies for no particular reason, as far as the doctors can see—simply heart failure.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY JUBILEE.

Waco, Texas, May 21.—Baylor University, the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas, is getting ready to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary. The diamond jubilee observance will be combined with the commencement exercises next month and will extend over a period of several days. Representatives of colleges and universities in all sections of the country have been invited to attend. Graduates and former students of the university will come from homes they have made in the far North and on the Pacific Coast. Some of the acceptances received by President Brooks hear foreign postmarks, sent by wandering sons and daughters of Baylor, whose diplomas date back to the early days.

In this its most prosperous year, Baylor can look back upon its happy beginning and continuous growth with satisfaction, and forward to the future with confident expectation of success. Seventy-five years ago Baylor campus was a barren plain, with none too friendly Indians frequently the neighborhood. Some of the pioneer pupils of the university became adepts in Indian fighting, for which service they were paid by the State. Others paid their tuition and board out of cotton picking money, earned before and after school hours. Baylor University was given birth in the days of the Texas Republic. It was founded by the Union Baptist Association and was given its name in honor of Col. R. E. B. Baylor of Kentucky, who was one of the chief promoters of the institution. Gen. Sam Houston was a member of the first board of trustees.

The university began its career in Independence, then the chief interior town of Texas. The first president was Dr. Henry L. Graves, and the first teacher was Prof. Henry Gillette, who came from New York to fill the position. The institution was successful from the start. The preparatory department was opened in 1845 and within two years it was found necessary to enlarge the facilities by the erection of a second.

In 1861 Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, who had succeeded Dr. Graves in the presidency, severed his connection with the university and founded Waco University at Waco. Twenty-five years later the two universities, both of which had continued to prosper, were united under the name of "Baylor University at Waco, Texas."

About the same time the State Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Association consolidated under the title of the Baptist General Convention and took charge of the institution. During the next few years the growing prosperity of the university led to the erection of a number of new buildings, among them the main hall and the Georgia Burleson Hall.

In 1901 and 1902 were erected the George W. Carroll Science Hall and the F. L. Carroll Chapel and Library, each being named for the donor. In 1903 the medical department was added at Dallas, and in 1905 the Theological Seminary was opened. Upwards of two thousand graduates have gone forth from Baylor during the three-quarters of a century of its existence. Today the attendance in all departments numbers more than 1,500 students and the university has a teaching staff of twenty-five members.

Since 1902 the presidency of the university has been held by Dr. S. P. Brooks, who enjoys a national reputation in educational circles. During his administration the growth of the university has been marvelous, both as to enrollment of students and the improvement of facilities and equipment.

LIGNITE COAL.

By Associated Press.
Bismark, N. D., May 21.—Advancement of the lignite coal industry in North Dakota is expected with the erection of a model experimental briquetting plant at New Salem soon with an appropriation of \$100,000 from the United States government. The project is under the direction of the federal government.

By a process of carbonizing the raw lignite, an invention made practical by experts in the United States bureau of mines at Washington, a lignite briquette will be manufactured which, it is claimed, will compare favorably with anthracite coal. The briquette, it is said, can be stored indefinitely.

Under the plan the government agrees to erect a building 50 by 200 feet and install briquetting and by-product machinery at an estimated cost of \$150,000. When it is going concern, the contract provides, the plant may be turned over to a stock company now in process of organization or disposed of in any other way advisable.

The plant is to have a capacity of 150 tons of lignite briquettes daily representing a daily consumption of 225 tons of lignite coal and will be able to operate 12 months a year.

You have got to clean and clear the bowels thoroughly to have good health after months of indoor life; you would do so now if you could see them as you do your face or hands. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea cleans and clears as nothing else. Start tonight. Herrera's Pharmacy.

VILLA AS READY TO TAKE FIELD AGAINST
NEW GOVERNMENT AS AGAINST CARRANZA

Told Correspondent the Successor to Carranza Must Fully Satisfy His Ideals of Government Before He would Retire to Private Life—Carranza Reported Crossing Mountains to Barra Nuatla.

WILL INVESTIGATE
BOLL WORM MATTER

JOINT COMMITTEE OF HOUSE
AND SENATE TO LOOK INTO
QUESTION BEFORE
ACTION TAKEN.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, May 21.—A concurrent resolution proposing investigation of the pink boll worm situation by a joint session of the senate and house agricultural committees was adopted today in the house. Opponents of the non-cotton zone are said to favor the investigation. No boll worm legislation is expected until the investigation is completed. The senate adopted the house resolution urging the Louisiana legislature to ratify the federal suffrage amendment.

Got Seed from Louisiana.

Austin, Texas, May 21.—The house committee on agriculture today recommended investigation of the pink boll worm situation by a joint session of the house and senate agricultural committees, twenty-one in the house and nine in the senate. The Louisiana agricultural department wired that seed from infested parishes had been shipped to the following Texas points: Houston, Beaumont, Snyder, New Braunfels, San Augustine, Fort Worth and San Marcos. Educational bills approximating \$6,500,000 are expected to be introduced today.

Gas Pipe Lines.

Austin, Texas, May 21.—A bill proposing to place gas pipelines under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission will be introduced in the house today. Representative Cox of Taylor said the governor assured him he would submit it.

SPOTLESS TOWN.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Tex., May 21.—Miss Eula Cago, fire prevention inspector of the Texas Fire Insurance Commission, says that "Amarillo is certainly the 'spotless town' of Texas."

She recently returned from Amarillo and declared she had found the city authorities had waged such a clean-up campaign that "not a fire hazard was visible."

ADVERTISING THE TOPIC.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., May 21.—"Advertising—How and Now" will form the keynote for the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, to be held in this city June 6 to 10, co-incident with the Indianapolis centennial celebration.

Edwin T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture and former president of the Associated Advertising Clubs, will deliver one of the principal addresses before the convention. Mr. Meredith's subject will be "The Advertising Man's interest in the Department of Agriculture."

Another important speaker before the convention will be Walter E. Edge, United States senator from New Jersey, who will speak on the subject, "Advertising as a Nationalizing, Unifying Influence."

Other speakers include some of the leading advertising and business men in the United States. The convention itself will be strictly a "brass tacks" meeting. "Business First" has been adopted as the slogan for the general and department sessions.

More than 6,000 delegates from all parts of the United States and the world are expected to attend.

QUEEN OLEANDER.

By Associated Press.
Galveston, Tex., May 21.—Galveston children crowned little Miss Belle Kendall Griggs as Queen Oleander of the realm of Galveston at a playground under auspices of city schools here. The pageant, arranged by the supervisors of the Morris Lasker and Louis Adoue playgrounds, saw nearly 200 children dressed as fairies, flowers and birds. A number of classic dances were among the features.

By Associated Press.

Bosquillas, Chihuahua, May 21.—Francisco Villa, yet a factor in Mexican affairs, is as ready and willing to take the field against the newest revolutionary forces as he was against Carranza, he told the Associated Press correspondent in his camp here today. He declared the successor to Carranza must fully satisfy his ideals of government before he would retire to private life.

Carranza Near Coast.
Chihuahua City, Mex., May 21.—A telegram from Ezequiel Salcedo, labor representative with General Elias Calles from Mexico City to the information bureau said relations between England and Mexico would be resumed when the new provisional president assumes office. General Lucio Blanco and Francisco de Mariel have offered to surrender unconditionally. Carranza with a small force is fleeing across the mountains towards Barra Nuatla on the coast.

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS
CALLED FOR MONDAY

SENATE COMMITTEE TO ACT
PROMPTLY IN PROBE OF
MONEY SPENT IN FURTHERING
THERING CAMPAIGN.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 21.—The investigation of pre-convention campaign expenditures of Republican and Democratic presidential candidates ordered by the senate will begin Monday. A sub-committee has been appointed to do the work with all possible despatch and hold public hearings. Managers of the campaigns of the various candidates will be asked to attend the session Monday.

WHOLESALE WANTS
LOWER PRICES NOW

REFUSE TO BUY FUTURE STOCKS
UNTIL MANUFACTURERS AND
JOBBER REDUCE
PRICES.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 21.—Price cutting today reached the wholesalers when the managers of prominent department stores announced that they would refuse to buy from jobbers unless substantial reductions were made. An official of a department store with branches in six cities said: "We are not buying future stock now and will not until manufacturers and wholesalers come down with their prices."

WON TRAP SHOOT.

By Associated Press.
Wichita Falls, Texas, May 21.—A. F. Woodward of Houston won the Texas trap shoot with a score of 295 out of a possible 300. Woodward represents Texas in the Grand American trap shoot at Cleveland in August.

LOAN FOR RAILROADS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 21.—A loan of at least \$120,000,000 out of the \$300,000,000 revolving funds to enable the railroads to purchase equipment to meet transportation needs was approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

NEW SCHOOL TAX.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Tex., May 21.—An independent school district containing less than 150 scholars and having its own assessor and collector can assess property for purposes of school taxation at a valuation other than that made for school and county purposes, the attorney general's department held in an opinion to Miss Annie Web Blanton, state superintendent of public instruction.

ASKED PROTECTION
FROM BOLSHEVIKI

PERSIA IS INVADED BY SOVIET
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THE LEAGUE.

By Associated Press.
London, May 21.—Persia has appealed to the league of nations to protect her from Bolshevik aggression. The appeal followed the landing of Bolsheviks on Persian soil from the Caspian Sea and came through the Persian foreign minister at Paris.

Martial Law in Madrid.
Madrid, May 21.—Martial law has been proclaimed here as the result of bread disturbances.

MAY COTTON BROKE.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 21.—May cotton deliveries broke from 42.75 to 38.50 under a selling movement.

DIED OF INJURIES.

By Associated Press.
Dallas, May 21.—Mrs. B. A. Kirkpatrick of Thrall died today as a result of a street car and automobile collision here last night. Her son Roy, aged four years, was seriously injured.

GOES TO PRESIDENT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 21.—The Republican peace resolution adopted in the house today now goes to the president. The house majority accepted the senate substitute, the Democrats vainly opposing it.

FIELD STILL OPEN.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, May 21.—With the Democratic convention a little more than a month away, no candidate has received as many as 100 pledged delegates, and 42 delegates are yet to be elected. The Democratic rule of a two-thirds majority is required to nominate.

BETTER FOR THEATERS.

By Associated Press.
Cleveland, O., May 20.—The theatrical business has increased 50 per cent since the country went "dry" according to John Cort of New York, one of the country's leading producers. He declared the dry era staved off a disastrous period for the theatrical world.

"Prohibition and the legitimate stage are good friends, and why not?" Mr. Cort said. "The dry era has meant millions in the theaters' coffers and just staved off a disastrous period."

TRADE CONFERENCE.

Cleveland, O., May 21.—A trade conference of more than 40 manufacturing concerns in the women's cloak and suit industry in Cleveland is to be held in connection with the co-operative opening of fall lines of women's wearing apparel by members of the Cleveland Garment Manufacturers Association and associated firms in the garment industry, the week beginning May 31.

As a nucleus of an effort to make Cleveland an American style center, the association has given \$5,000 this year to the Cleveland School of Art to encourage style designs.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy. Probably showers.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 89 degs.
Min. temp. 75 degs.
General direction of wind: Southeast.
Clear.

WHAT IS GAINED?

Now that the investigation of pre-convention expenses is to be made, just what do the people stand to gain? So far as we can learn, there is no more reason to believe that more money is being spent nowadays in the grooming of favorite sons or dark horses than in the past, and just what benefit it will be to have the senate committee investigate the source of the money, how it was spent and what influence was exerted to secure the funds is problematical.

Of course, if the investigation were to be made by anyone save the politicians themselves, with full authority to cite witnesses and demand their attendance and testimony, the public might eventually learn just what was behind some of the candidates.

But what is to prevent a man spending money for a nomination, provided he does not spend it in corrupt ways? If a man is willing to spend his money to have himself or an acceptable candidate go before the convention, just who suffers?

If the committee make public all the testimony they secure with regard to campaign expenditures, and will they carry their probe deep enough to make it really an exposure of the political methods of the day? Hardly.

The fact that the hearings are to be public does not preclude their asking only such questions as will not divulge too much for the public prints, and there is nothing to prevent their suppressing any mention of the very things the people would like to know.

The fact that John Doe contributed a thousand dollars toward the campaign of Richard Roe does not necessarily imply that he is a criminal with evil intent. He may really think that Dick would make a good president, and may be willing to spend that much to back up his judgment.

But what the people want to know is how many of the candidates will have the backing of the politicians, and why. They want to know just who is behind the candidacy of John Smith and doing everything he possibly can to prevent the success of Tom Robinson.

It matters not that the people may want a certain candidate to secure the nomination of a certain party. For it all hinges on whether the politicians are ready for that sort of a candidacy, and their support depends in part at least on "How much am I going to get out of this?"

The majority of us do not give a hoot how much a certain candidate spends; what we are anxious about is whether our candidate is going to win in a walk, or whether he is to be knifed in the back by one of the secret agreements that are still in existence, no matter how much they may have gone out of style.

There is something Machievellian in the declaration that both parties will be investigated. Of course they will be; but the majority report will no doubt insinuate that the other party was guilty of corrupt use of funds and the minority report will accuse the other party. That's the way this sort of investigation always ends.

We have found that it is not the "poor but honest" candidate who secures the nomination nowadays, however it might have been in the past. And the one that has the most to promise is always the favorite. He at least has the respectful hearing of his listeners, and in the end the convention is led to believe that "the people's choice" is the logical candidate.

We refuse to believe that all the money now in circulation would influence the majority of the American people to vote for a candidate they did not like and believe in. And while some delegates may be influenced to vote "the right way" by a financial argument, the majority will go to the convention determined to use their influence for the best interests of the party and of the nation at large.

The trouble with such an investigation as that to begin on Monday is "it don't mean anything." It is calculated to raise so much smoke that the work of the submarines will not be suspected. And it is but slightly camouflaged, for there is not one in a thousand that has any belief in either its purity of motive or the effectiveness of its action.

RACIAL HATRED.

It is unfortunate that at a moment when relations of the most friendly character seemed about to be established between our country and Mexico there should be some who are doing their utmost to prevent that desirable consummation.

The revolution gives every promise of popular acceptance and of strength and stability. The people of both countries are tired of the senseless slaughter carried on in the name of patriotism, but really because of personal ambitions. Our government seems disposed to recognize the new regime as soon as the Mexican people shall have signified their adhesion to the revolutionary program, and all edicts fair to inaugurate a new era of friendship.

But here is where a certain person throws a monkey wrench into the machinery. A contributed article in *El Porvenir* of Monterrey attacks Lie. Fort Riley.

Rafael Martinez Escobar for praising the United States at a banquet in honor of Manuel Pelaez, in which the speaker said: "The great people of North America have been with us in all our liberative movements."

Says the anti-American writer to *El Porvenir*: "The orator should have remembered that the Yankee not only accompanied us on such memorable occasions, but also on others, ah! no less solemn! He was with us in the insurrection of Texas; he was with us in the war of the great despoliation; he was with us—face to face—at Monterey, at Angostura, at Paderna and at Molino del Rey, at Chapultepec and at Churubusco. He was with us at the Alamo when we were invoked by that 'great people,' the half of our territory; he was with us at Vera Cruz in 1914, to which the remains of Uribe and Azueta bear witness; he was with us at the time of the 'punitive,' and at Carrizal he almost gave us a fraternal kiss."

He might also have added that the Yankee has even greater cause to remember the Mexican people by the occurrence at Columbus, by the hundreds of raids on peaceful Americans, by the spoliation of American farms and mines and other properties, and a thousand other events.

But it is apparent that this irreconcilable writer is moved only by rancor, not by justice. When he speaks of the Alamo, he does not remember the slaughter of its victims by the ruthless Santa Ana, but only the humiliation that came to Mexican arms in reprisal for that diabolical deed.

But these things have passed. The American people are willing to forget and let bygones be bygones. They have for years extended the hand of friendship, generally filled with good things for Mexico, and all they have asked in return has been the acceptance of that friendship and a return on the part of Mexico of the same feeling of amity with which we have been inspired.

It is gratifying to know that the greater part of the Mexicans, in spite of the propaganda of hate and envy and malice and all uncharitableness, are still friendly. That such men as is behind the candidacy of John Smith and doing everything he possibly can to prevent the success of Tom Robinson.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

AT ROYAL OPERA HOUSE LAST EVENING LARGELY ATTENDED.

Creditable Program Carried Out By Those Participating in Play and in Individual Numbers.

Before a crowd that filled every seat in the spacious Royal Opera House, last evening the commencement exercises of the Class of 1920 of the Laredo High School took place under most auspicious circumstances, despite the fact that the time-honored, superstitious thirteen entered into the exercises, for there were thirteen graduates on this occasion. But the ominous hoodoo appears to have had all its portentous credits reversed, for never before in the history of the Laredo High School was there a combining of elements to make the event a success—even the weather took a part to send a cool breeze sweeping through the auditorium of the big showhouse to prevent that stuffy, warm condition that would otherwise have prevailed had the evening been one without the gentle zephyrs in evidence.

The honors to the graduating class last evening may properly be divided into three classifications. The historic honors by far go to Ernest Hearn, who played the role of Hank Hawkins in the little playlet, "Country Boys in College;" and next to him came Miss Julia McVicar, who impersonated a male character, "Uncle Nute Nealy," and John Maher as Hank's chum, "Jack Jamison."

The vocal honors of the occasion went to Miss Virginia Viva Penn, who in her sweet, trained voice rendered the "Provençal Song," and who was showered with a number of beautiful floral designs, including flower baskets, bouquets, etc., and responded with an encore, which was also loudly applauded. The class honors, the recognition of the schools for earnest work done in acquiring the knowledge of which the graduates had labored hard to attain, went to Miss Jesusa Gonzalez of the girls, notwithstanding she had many obstacles to overcome by reason of the fact that she was heading a class composed of American girls, and she herself had a foreign tongue and studies to master and won the honor of being the valedictorian by making the highest class average among the girls, and she gave the essay, "Democracy and Free Education," speaking in that distinct and clear manner which convinced all that she has mastered English. She also won the girl's scholarship to the Texas University, the prize awarded to the high-average graduate of the class. John Maher also won a Texas University scholarship, while the A. & M. scholarship went to Joe Strain, both of these young men making high averages in their high school studies.

Reversing the condition of Miss Gonzalez in mastering the English language, P. Ovid Shanks, who came to Laredo from North Texas four years ago, demonstrated how, as a member of the Spanish class in the High School, he had mastered Spanish, for he gave an oration in the Spanish language that showed the Spanish he had learned. But praise for one graduate and ignoring the others would be an injustice, for every one that was given an opportunity did full justice to their parts.

The following were the members of the graduating class of 1920: John Maher, Ernest Hearn, Valentin Puig, Joseph Strain, F. Ovid Shanks, Jack King, Misses Julia McVicar, Laura Taylor, Amelia Ochoa, Virginia Viva Penn, Cynthia Press, Olive Chamberlain and Jesusa Gonzales.

The program as it was carried out was as follows: Overture, "Burlesque," by Royal Orchestra.

Senior Play—"Country Boys in College" with the following cast: Jack Jamison and Hank Hawkins, country boys, John Maher and Ernest Hearn; Harry Williams, whose father strikes oil in Zapata, Valentin Puig; Bill Esmond, Jack's friend, Joe Strain; Sport Yeager, Harry's friend, Ovid Shanks; Nute Nealy, Jack's uncle, Julia McVicar; "Dad" White, coach, Jack King; fair co-eds—Alice Arnold, Laura Taylor; Jean Anderson, Amelia Ochoa, Clara Carney, Cynthia Press; Helen Hamilton, Virginia Viva Penn; Julia Wilmoth, Olive Chamberlain; Rose Roberts, Jesusa Gonzalez; track team and snipe.

Act I—Nute Nealy's farm on the outskirts of Austin, Texas, the day before the opening of the University. Act II—Athletic grounds of the University of Texas the day before the trout for the track meet. Act III—The tryouts.

Song, "Graduation Day," words by Miss Amelia Ochoa; music by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn; Hungarian Dance, Brahms, by Royal Orchestra; Provençal song, Eva Dell Acqua, by Virginia Penn; "Musical Potpourri" under direction Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn—Phyllis Bunn, Lois Derby, Kathleen Heaner, Willie Belle Brennan, Rosalie Biggio, Evelyn Ryan, Horace Greenstreet, Arnulfo Zamora, Edward Leyendecker, Joe Puig, Luis Cardenas and Jake Bunn. This number was loudly applauded and they were compelled to answer to an encore.

"Democracy and Free Education," by Jesusa Gonzalez; Spanish recitation, by F. Ovid Shanks.

The "Musical Potpourri" under the direction of Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn, cess of the musical numbers.

The address to graduates was delivered by Asher R. Smith, Esq., himself a graduate of the law department of the Texas University. Mr. Smith's words of admonition to the graduates, his advice on matters of the future and his sincere words touching upon the application of the knowledge attained in the high school to the realizing of loftier ideals, made a good impression on the graduates and his address generally was highly appreciated by the audience.

Diplomas of graduation were presented to the thirteen graduates with short remarks by President M. S. Ryan of the board of school trustees and City Superintendent L. J. Christen, while Miss Kate Tarver, principal of the Laredo High School, in a few well chosen and explanatory words, presented scholarships to the three students of the senior class making the highest averages for the term—Miss Jesusa Gonzalez and John Maher getting Texas University scholarships and Joseph Strain getting the A. & M. scholarship.

The grand ensemble of the graduates singing "Dear Old High," words by Jack King and music by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn, was well rendered and the singing was sweet and effective. Immediately following this came the benediction by Rev. I. L. H. Wharton, and the evening's program concluded with "El 28 de Noviembre" march by the Royal Orchestra.

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CONSTRUCTION OF ZAPATA COUNTY HIGHWAY TO BEGIN

Sealed Proposals Are Advertised For in Today's Times, Same to Be Opened on Monday, June 7.

Webb county's commissioners have decided to begin the work of constructing a first-class highway from Laredo to the county line of Zapata county without any further delay, and to that end a "notice to contractors" calling for sealed proposals to do the work appears in this issue of The Times.

The sealed proposals for the construction of the highway, known as "State Highway No. 12, from Laredo to the Zapata county line," covering a distance of 17.5 miles will be opened at the office of County Judge A. Winslow in the county courthouse at 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday, June 7. The published call for the proposals in this issue gives all necessary information on the subject.

COLLECTOR CUSTOMS HERE WITH HIS SPECIAL DEPUTY

Collector of Customs Coleman and Special Deputy Collector Cutilla Here on Business Trip.

Collector of Customs Thomas A. Coleman and Special Deputy Collector of Customs Ed Cutilla of this customs district arrived in Laredo yesterday from the San Antonio headquarters and will remain here until tonight on business with the Laredo customs-house.

The officers are here merely on a regular trip of inspection and state that there is no special significance attached to the visit. Laredo is the principal port of the district and the bulk of the customs business with Mexico is done through here both in importations and exportations.

Legion Smoker Tonight.

A get-together meeting and smoker participated in by all young men who served during the world war will be held at the Latin-American Club tonight beginning at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the American Legion. All ex-service men are invited to be present.

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW BY 37TH INFANTRY BAND

Program Will Be Rendered at Fort McIntosh to Which the Public of Laredo Are Invited.

The Thirty-seventh Infantry Band, Carl E. Everlof, director, will give a concert at Fort McIntosh tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock to which the people of Laredo are cordially invited. The following program will be rendered: March, "Slickeryet," Kutchler Overture, "Raymond," Thomas Waltz, "Charlatan Waltzes," Sousa Descriptive, "Uncle Tom's Cabin,"

Lampe (Uncle Tom is drowsing before a log fire in the enjoyment of the quiet of his cabin in Old Kentucky, when there passes before him familiar scenes of "Old South" and finally the Emancipation.)

Selection, "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni Medley, "The Fighting Allies," Lake (Melodies are played in the order in which their respective countries entered the war.)

with three of the young ladies carrying milk pails and three with parasols, and the six boys in overalls, made a very striking appearance. Their singing was exceptionally good and they were compelled to return in answer to an encore following considerable applause.

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LOCAL NEWS

—The second of the Summer School Sunday morning studies in the New Testament will be taken Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church. The study tomorrow morning will be the Gospel of Matthew, the tax collector's "life of Christ."

—Corporal Sheasby will sing the offertory solo at the morning service at Christ Church tomorrow.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Emilio Briones and Miss Isabel Leal, Richard T. Jeffers and Miss Eyle May Eutsler, Bernardo Esparza and Miss Maria G. Lardio, James F. Dougherty and Miss Josephine Garcia, Jesus Reyes and Miss Virginia Gomez, Miguel Sepulveda and Mrs. Olivia Molina.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon. Five carloads of fxtle, one carload of baskets and one carload of ore.

—The ringing of the old school bell each morning, at noon, at 1 p. m. and at 4 p. m. each day except Saturday and Sunday will not again be heard until September 20, for vacation time is here and there will be no more school days until Monday, September 20.

—The news that Venustiano Carranza, the fugitive president of Mexico, had been killed reached Laredo early this morning in an Associated Press dispatch to the Times. Later details of the killing have been coming in during the day and appear on the first page of today's Times.

—The work of putting the pontoons in the sands of the river banks from the present water line to the high water mark on the American side is in progress and will be rushed forward until the temporary structure across the Rio Grande is completed. Pedestrians are already using the pontoon bridge and have been for several days past.

ACTION, RATHER THAN WORDS, REQUIRED IN THE STORIES

Leroy Scott's Greatest Novel Striking Example Dramatic Material Needed for Screen.

Probably no man knows the underworld of New York, nor can write more entertainingly of it, than Le Roy Scott. When he published "Mary Regan," it created a sensation, because of its vivid action and the story in untold.

Even better than "Mary Regan" was his second book "A Daughter of Two Worlds." In this as in his previous work, the main characters were of the lowest strata of society. In neither book did he attempt any character delineation, but let the actions of those in his book build up and betray their characters as the story progressed.

Action is the only thing which can be shown in pictures, and for that reason Mr. Scott's greatest novel has only been made more vivid by its transfer to the screen under the same title as the novel. The production which will be shown by the Royal theatre, on Sunday and Monday was made by Miss Norma Talmadge and her own company as the first picture for distribution by the First National Exhibitors' Circuit. To say that Miss Talmadge has made a more striking character of Jennie Malone, than even the book, is saying nothing but what can be believed by those who are familiar with former pictures by this young star.

STUDENT FRATERNITIES.

By Associated Press. Berlin, May 22.—A conflict is developing between various student fraternities and the Socialist Prussian Minister of Education, Herr Haenisch. His plan to democratize universities is meeting with strong opposition from many of the students, a large number of whom are traditionally staunch supporters of monarchical, pan-German and anti-Semitic principles. They acclaimed the advent of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and the militaristic counter-revolution with enthusiasm.

To nullify their influence in these matters, Herr Haenisch worked out a scheme under which equality of status was established between foreign students and German students. Fraternities were forbidden to engage in political and religious agitation, and a government representative was to sit on fraternity committees with authority to supervise their activities and report upon them.

These measures are wrathfully denounced as oppressively reactionary by the student world of Germany which is preparing to resist their imposition to the uttermost. Especially do they object to the proposal that foreign students at German universities should be placed on an equality with themselves. At the present time the German universities are said to be overrun with Polish and Russian students and German youths do not relish the idea of having to fraternize with them on equal terms. Still more strongly do they resent having government representatives sent among them to act, they say, as "informers."

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Society Editor.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Evelyn Ryan at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church meets at 6:45 at the church Sunday evening.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at the Baptist Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will meet in the church at 6:45 p. m.

Monday.

Visiting Day for the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitations, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing. The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

Mr. Bryner of Palestine was a visitor in the city this week.

Mrs. M. P. Cullinan is in Cisco, Texas, visiting her sons, Messrs Joe and Frank Cullinan, and will be there for several weeks.

Dr. M. P. Cullinan is expected home on Monday from Houston and other points in the state.

Mr. Reese Shanks arrived in the city yesterday morning from Chicago, where he has been in Great Lakes Training School, for a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shanks. He visited relatives in Salem, Ind., and Birmingham, Ala., before coming home.

Mrs. G. F. Steiber returned to her home in San Antonio yesterday after a visit to her son and friends.

Mrs. D. R. Laro and little daughter, who have been in the city visiting Mrs. J. B. DaCamara, will return to their home in Pleasanton today. They will be accompanied by Mrs. J. B. DaCamara and son, and niece, Miss Mary Condren, who will remain for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. Alfred Poggenpohl will leave today for San Antonio for a week-end visit. He will be accompanied by his nephew and niece, Jamie and Nellie Ward, who will go on to Washington, D. C., with Mrs. Poggenpohl to visit Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yost for the summer.

Miss Elizabeth Lissner left today for her home in Seguin, after having spent a delightful week with her sister, Miss Eleanor Lissner, at the Woodard home.

There will be an important meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The members of the executive committee are urged to be present as there will be the appointment of standing committees, and other matters of importance will be transacted.

The hours of the Public Library at the Woman's Club will be changed for the summer, beginning on Monday morning, the hours to be from 9:30 to 12 noon and from 5 o'clock until 8 p. m.

Dougherty-Garcia.

Mr. James F. Dougherty and Miss Josefina Garcia were united in marriage this morning at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. H. Vda. de Garcia. The young couple left on the morning train for a short trip to San Antonio.

Dance.

The Woman's Club entertained with a very delightful dance on Thursday evening. The music was fine and made dancing most pleasant. There was a good crowd present and Mesdames Trice and Joe Netzer were the hostesses for the evening.

Ladies Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church held a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. S. J. Sorrell on

Thursday afternoon. During the short business session it was decided to give \$10 to the ministerial relief and buy a carpet runner for the church. At the conclusion of the business session, a missionary study was held which was in charge of Mrs. Lattig, Mrs. Westbrook and Mrs. Cantrell. Those present were Mesdames Lee, Lattig, Green, Cantrell, Westbrook, Hatley, Shirey, Putman, Borchers, H. M. Austin, A. E. McCulloch and the hostess.

Farewell Party.

Mrs. Henry Ward entertained a few little friends most delightfully on Thursday evening in honor of her little son and daughter, who will leave today for San Antonio to join their aunt, Mrs. Poggenpohl, in San Antonio and from there to go to Washington, D. C., for the summer. A most delightful evening was spent. Charades, games and a make-believe carnival furnished the entertainment for the young guests. A delicious picnic supper was served later on the lawn. Those enjoying the pleasure of the event were Emilie Halsell, Mary Cook, Marjorie Fish, Rebecca and Roberta Biggio, Charline and Elizabeth Nye, Edward Biggio, Ralph Cook, George and Horace Kehl, and Henry Neff.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals addressed to Hon. A. Winslow, County Judge, for the improvement of the Zapata Road in Webb County, will be received at the office of the County Judge, at Laredo, Texas, until 11 o'clock, a. m. Monday, June 7, 1920, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to Be Done.

The work contemplated consists of grading, surfacing with Local Gravel and constructing the necessary drainage structures on the Zapata Road, State Highway No. 12, from Laredo to the Zapata County line, a distance of 17.5 miles. The following are the principal approximate quantities: 81,038 Cu. Yds. borrow excavation, 19,293 Cu. Yards, roadway excavation, 15,803 Cu. Yds. over haul, 35,183 Cu. Yds. gravel first quarter miles haul, 86,990 Cu. Yds. gravel additional quarter mile haul, 739 Cu. Yds. structural excavation, 1,564 Cu. Yds. concrete class "A", 333 Cu. Yds. concrete class "B", 70 Cu. Yds. concrete class "C", 151,149 lbs. reinforcing steel, 632 linear feet 24" pipe and 904 Lin. Ft. concrete handrail.

The contractors may bid upon the grading, surfacing and drainage structures separately or as a whole.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of J. G. Rollins, County Engineer, at Laredo, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

A certified, or cashier's check for Five (5%) Per cent of the bid made payable without recourse to the order of Hon. A. Winslow, County Judge of Webb County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bids for the Construction of the Zapata Road in Webb County."

All bids will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders.

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CITY OF TENTS FAILED.

By Associated Press. Toledo, O., May 22.—Mayor Cornell Schreiber's move to make Toledo a city of tents to take care of the hundreds unable to find homes, has met with a reverse due to the refusal of the government to supply the tents. The mayor received a reply recently saying that the government has no canvas that can be used in such a manner. Mayor Schreiber has appealed to owners of vacant rooms to throw them upon the market.

A FINE FERTILIZER.

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